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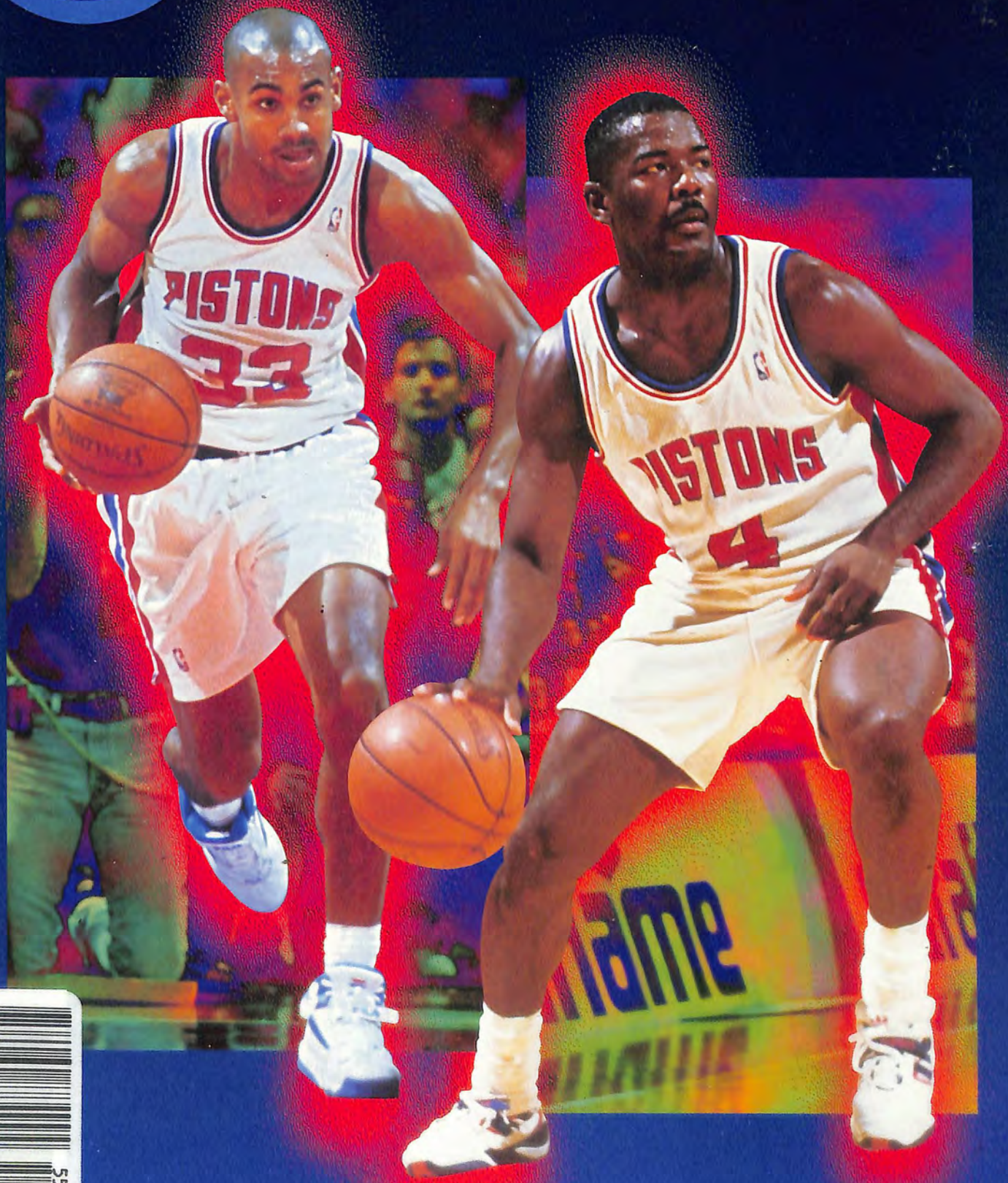

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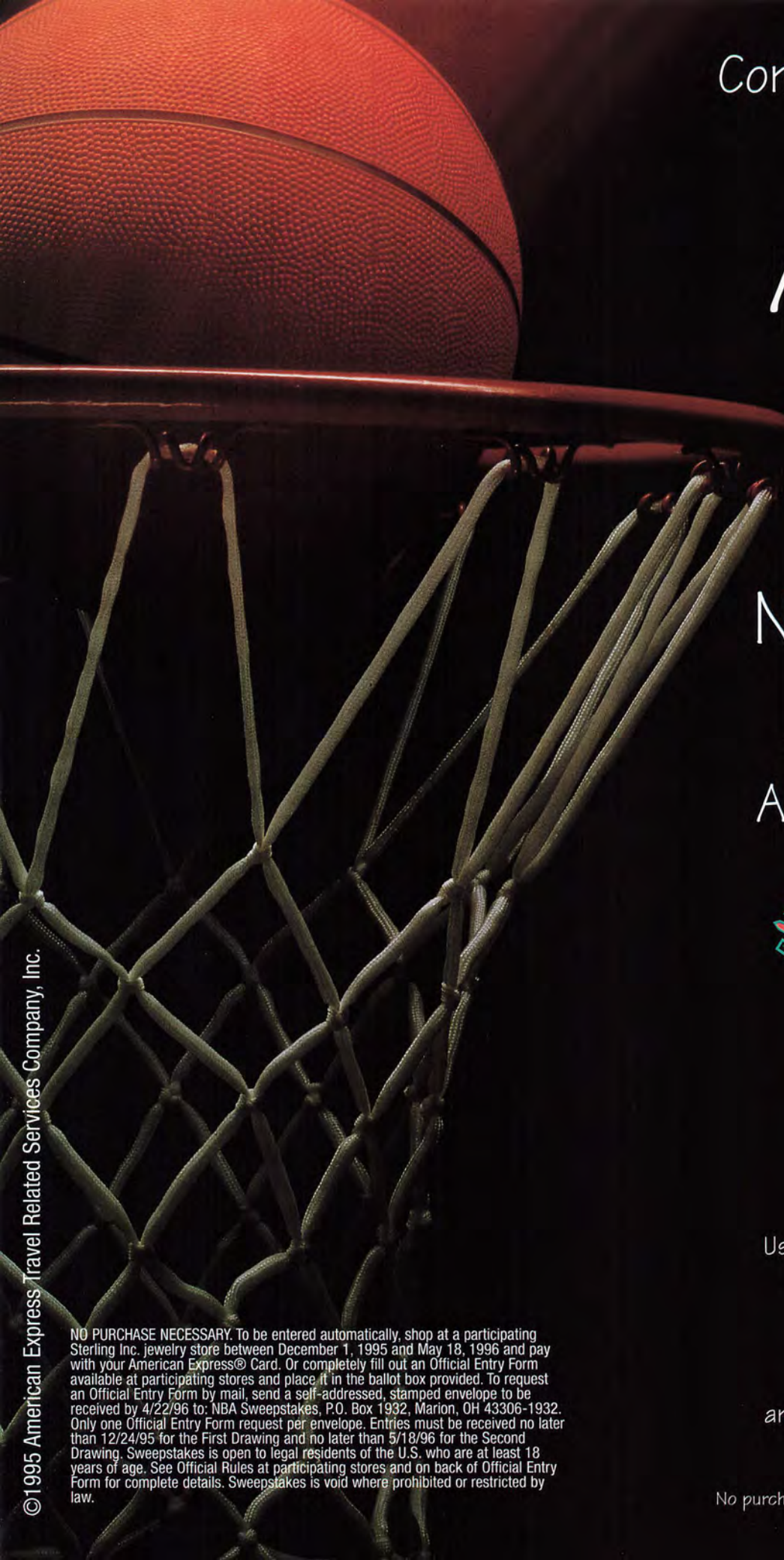

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William DAVIDSON

MANAGING PARTNER

Recognized as one of the most successful owners in the NBA, Pistons Managing Partner William Davidson can be credited for a majority of the success the organization now enjoys. Detroit's 1989 and 1990 World Championships can be directly attributed to Davidson, the club's majority owner since 1974 and under his direction, the Pistons have been considered one of the league's elite franchises for the last seven years.

He continues to strive in keeping the team at the league's forefront, with the recent completion of a practice facility, solely designed for the Pistons. It will be used for the team's training camp for the second straight year, alleviating the need to go off-site for the pre-season.

The organization is moving into the future with innovative ideas and a plan for progress. The recent additions of the Detroit Vipers (International Hockey League) and the Detroit Neon (Continental Indoor Soccer League) to Palace Sports and Entertainment (Davidson's company) represent Davidson's commitment toward the sports fan in Detroit. Both teams compete in competitive leagues that are among the hottest and fastest-rising in America. With the busiest amphitheater in the country, The Pine Knob Music Theater, purchased in 1990, Arena Associates (Davidson's company) now has the ability to bring the best in summer entertainment to its clientele. In 1988-89, the Pistons began play in The Palace of Auburn Hills, a state-of-the-art arena built with Davidson's financial support. The company also added management of the Meadow Brook Music Festival in the summer of 1994, further developing the entertainment division of Palace Sports and Entertainment.

Despite missing the playoffs last season for only the third time in 11 years, Davidson's team welcomed the thundering debut of All-Star rookie Grant Hill, giving fans plenty of optimism for the organization's future. He brought Head Coach Doug Collins on board this past summer, giving the young team enthusiasm and direction for the 1995-96 season, Davidson's twenty-second as the team's owner.

Davidson acquired the Detroit Pistons in 1974 from the late Fred Zollner, the man who founded the team in Fort Wayne, Indiana in the 1940s. Zollner later moved the franchise to Detroit before the 1957-58 season.

Interested in a wide variety of sports, Davidson is one of the most knowledgeable heads of an NBA franchise. He can usually be found sitting courtside at all Pistons home games, and has studied many players and coaches in the league and is able to make some very astute observations.

Davidson's athletic history dates back many years and has continued alongside his business career. He was a high school and college trackman and played football in the Navy during World War II. Davidson was an inaugural inductee into the Jewish Sports Hall of Fame.

The Pistons' majority owner likes success and has known it in his business interests. That's why now, the success of the Detroit Pistons comes as no surprise to those who are aware of Davidson's ability to manage people. His secret is simple: Hire competent managers and place the responsibility on them.

Educated in Business Law, Davidson received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Michigan and earned a Juris Doctor's Degree from Wayne State University.

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After three years, Davidson gave up his law practice to take over a wholesale drug company. He rescued it from bankruptcy and turned it around in three years. After this success, he did the same with a surgical supply company. The next step was to take the Guardian Glass Company, the family business, pay off all debts and head it into the profitable direction the company now enjoys. Today, Guardian Industries remains the flagship of his corporate interests.

Davidson's previous track record has paved the way for the Pistons, The Palace and Pine Knob. His formula for success, which turned the Pistons around and made The Palace one of the top arenas in the world, carrys over into the Pine Knob Theater, now considered one of the top

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Tom WILSON

PRESIDENT

Entering his fourth season as President of the Detroit Pistons, Tom Wilson ensures stability within the organization as it continues along its progressive pace. He worked to facilitate the critical hirings of Head Coach Doug Collins and Vice President of Player Personnel Rick Sund as leaders of the Pistons this past summer preparing the team to make its resurgence in the NBA.

Elevating Wilson to the presidency in 1992, Managing Partner William Davidson stressed the importance of building a structure within the organization that will have a long-term effect. Wilson currently monitors all basketball operations, including the draft, player trades and salary negotiations. During Wilson's 16-year tenure as the team's top business executive, the Pistons have evolved into being recognized as one of the best marketed and most highly valued teams in professional sports.

Since joining the Pistons in 1977, Wilson's role and responsibilities have increased dramatically. Most recently, Wilson has handled all business aspects of not only the Detroit Pistons, but The Palace of Auburn Hills and Pine Knob Music Theater. The Palace was designed largely around Wilson's input and he was responsible for staffing and developing organizational philosophies of the new arena. Wilson's ability to create a family atmosphere among his staff and guests have produced entertainment at its best.

Under his direction, The Palace has earned the distinction of becoming the first arena to win *Performance* magazine's prestigious Best New Venue award (1988) and Arena of the Year awards (1989-92) in consecutive years. The Palace was also named Arena of the Year for 1992 and also received Best New Concert Venue honors for 1988 from *Pollstar*. His direction was instrumental in the acquisition and renovation of Pine Knob as well, and he remains actively involved in the operational phase and the ongoing improvement of the facility. In 1994 Palace Sports and Entertainment assumed management of Meadow Brook Music Festival on the grounds of Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan.

As executive administrator of Palace Sports and Entertainment, Wilson is ultimately responsible for the day to day operations of the sales, advertising, marketing and broadcasting departments. He also serves as president and governor for the Detroit Vipers hockey team, who in their first season in the International Hockey League, smashed attendance and marketing records.

A native Detroiter, Wilson joined the Pistons in 1978 as Sales Director and was promoted to Executive Director in 1979. He graduated from Cass Technical High School and received a bachelor's of business administration with a minor in drama from Wayne State University. Upon graduation, Wilson moved to California where he worked in films and television. Prior to joining the Detroit Pistons, he worked for the Los Angeles Lakers and the Los Angeles Kings in the Great Western Forum.

Wilson serves on the William Beaumont Hospital Board of Trustees and was named the 1994 Executive of the Year by the Oakland Executives Association. He is also active in the Boy Scouts of America and serves on the Board of Directors for Boy's Hope, CATCH, the Advisory Board of Michigan National Bank and is state Chairman of the American Cancer Society. Wilson was also instrumental in the development and implementation of the Pistons/Palace Foundation which has provided more than $5.5 million in grants and donations to deserving organizations and individuals throughout the state.

Wilson and his wife Linda reside in Rochester Hills with daughters Kasey and Brooke and son Kevin.

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Doug COLLINS

HEAD COACH

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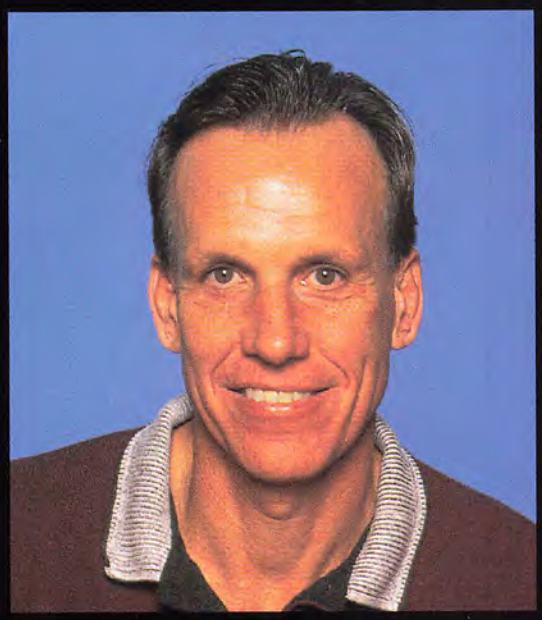

- Named 20th head coach in Detroit Pistons' history, Collins has been given the full responsibility of overseeing all basketball-related matters. He brings to the club a vast knowledge of the NBA and a passion for being successful and winning.
- The hiring of Collins reunites him with legendary coach and Pistons' superscout Will Robinson, who coached the All-American at Illinois State in the early 1970's.
- Having served as head coach of the Chicago Bulls for three seasons in the 1980's, Collins joined the Pistons from Turner Broadcasting, for whom he had worked as an NBA analyst. His work at Turner has earned him nominations for two CABLEACE Awards and a Sports Emmy Award for his work on the NBA.
- Collins coached Michael Jordan and the Bulls into the playoffs during each of his three seasons with the club, advancing to the 1989 NBA Eastern Conference Finals. His Chicago team bowed out in those conference finals to the Pistons. Detroit then advanced to win the first of two straight World Championships. Collins now intends to lead his former arch-rivals, the Pistons, back among the elite of the NBA.
- Collins began his coaching career at the University of Pennsylvania in 1981 as an assistant coach under Bob Weinhauer. He worked under Weinhauer in the same role at Arizona State for two seasons, beginning in 1982.
- Drafted by the Philadelphia 76ers out of Illinois State with the first overall selection in the 1973 NBA Draft, Collins went on to star in the NBA for eight seasons, all with the 76ers. He scored 7,427 points in his 76ers career, averaging 17.9 points per game.
- One of the most accurate backcourt scorers in NBA history, the 6'6" Collins shot .501 from the field over his eight seasons with Philadelphia. He posted his best season in 1977-78, averaging 19.7 points and 4.1 assists per game while shooting .526 from the field.
- Collins averaged 21.5 points per game in 32 games for three Sixers' playoff teams while shooting 53 percent from the field. He led Philadelphia to the Eastern Conference Championship and the NBA Finals in 1977, before the team fell to Portland in six games.
- Collins earned a spot on the Eastern Conference All-Star team in four consecutive seasons (1976-79), starting in the midseason classic in 1977. He was named to the All-Star team in 1979, but was unable to play due to injury. He underwent seven knee surgeries before retiring as a player in 1981.

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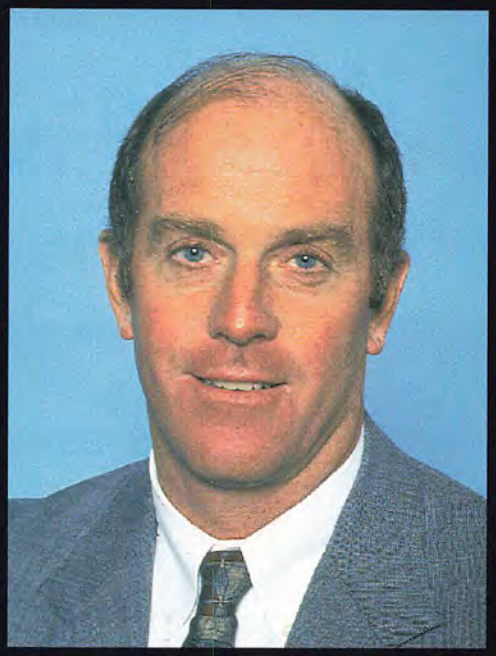
HEAD COACHING RECORD

YEAR	TEAM	RECORD	PCT.	PLAYOFFS	PCT.
1986-87	CHICAGO	40-42	.488	0-3	.000
1987-88	CHICAGO	50-32	.610	4-6	.400
1988-89	CHICAGO	47-35	.573	9-8	.529
TOTALS		137-109	.557	13-17	.433

Rick SUND

Vice President of Player Personnel



Beginning his first season in the front office for the Detroit Pistons, Rick Sund is a proven NBA veteran with more than 20 years of management experience in the league. As Vice-President of Player Personnel, Sund will oversee the team's entire scouting department, while working with Head Coach Doug Collins on roster and player development, trades, contract negotiations, player drafts and free agent acquisitions.

Sund joins the Pistons after working the 1994-95 season as a consultant to Seattle Supersonics President Wally Walker. He managed the Sonics' college scouting program while also assisting Walker with personnel decisions.

Before joining the staff in Seattle, Sund had established himself as one of the NBA's foremost front-office executives, spending 14 seasons with the Dallas Mavericks. He joined the Mavericks in 1979 as that team's player personnel director, helping the expansion team develop a roster for its inaugural season.

Sund left the Mavericks as its Vice-President of Basketball Operations at the conclusion of the 1993-94 season after guiding the team through a rebuilding process which has made them one of the NBA's top young teams. During Sund's tenure, the Mavericks selected potential NBA superstars Jamal Mashburn, Jim Jackson, and Jason Kidd and other young talents like Popeye Jones, Luscious Harris and Lorenzo Williams.

During his 15 years in Dallas, Sund's teams made six playoff appearances between 1984 and 1990. The Mavericks advanced seven games deep into the Western Conference Finals in 1988, only to lose to the eventual NBA Champion Los Angeles Lakers.

Sund began his NBA career with the Milwaukee Bucks after graduating with a master's degree in sports administration from Ohio University in 1974. He spent five years with the Bucks before joining the Mavs as the league's youngest personnel director.

He received his undergraduate degree, a bachelor's in political science from Northwestern, where he twice made academic All-Big Ten while playing guard for the Wildcats basketball team. Named team MVP in 1971, the 6-4 guard averaged in double figures in scoring for his three-year collegiate career. Sund also saw some action for the football team at Northwestern, playing tight end.

Born Richard Walker Sund on June 4, 1951 in Elgin, Illinois, he is a member of that Chicago suburb's Hall of Fame. An avid golfer and sportsman, Sund competed in two marathons and a triathlon while living in the Dallas area. He recently relocated to Birmingham, Michigan with his wife Lea and their two children, daughter Hali (age 12) and son Patrick (age 9).

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Will Robinson

Assistant to the Vice President of Player Personnel

Will Robinson is a man who has dedicated his life to the game of basketball. The legacy continues, as the game he so dearly loves begins to repay Robinson. He has been reunited this season, his 21st with the Pistons, with new Head Coach Doug Collins. Robinson, who will work on staff for Vice-President of Player Personnel Rick Sund, coached Collins to an All-American career at Illinois State University in the early 1970's.

Robinson was named head coach at Illinois State by Athletic Director Milt Weisenbecker in 1970, making him the first black head coach at the major college level. Robinson's Illinois State teams produced five winning seasons, but it was for the development of Collins that he will be remembered. Collins averaged more than 29 points per game during his career under Robinson, becoming the school's first consensus All-American basketball player and the NBA's number one draft choice in 1973. The team's hiring of Collins this past summer reunites the former coach with his star pupil.

During the summer of 1992 Robinson was honored by The James Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, MA, receiving the prestigious John W. Bunn Award. The Bunn Award is given in recognition of outstanding contributions to the game of basketball. Past recipients have included John Wooden, Henry Iba, Red Auerbach and Bob Cousy.

Outside of actual enshrinement, the Bunn Award is the most prestigious award given by the Hall of Fame. "I feel that I'm in very high company," said Robinson. "These people are in the upper echelon. The things that they've accomplished will forever live in posterity. To put me in that kind of company makes me dizzy."

Receiving his second Championship ring in 1990, Robinson truly reached the pinnacle of the sport that has been his life for over 50 years. In his position of assistant to Rick Sund, Robinson's duties are to consult Sund, as well as the Pistons coaching staff, in matters concerning college scouting, special assignments and personnel decisions.

Through Robinson's efforts, along with former scout Stan Novak, the Detroit Pistons built a team that became the third team in history to repeat as World Champions. He is responsible for finding the likes of Dennis Rodman, Joe Dumars and John Salley and making them part of the Pistons family. He was former General Manager Jack McCloskey's right hand man during the building years and he will provide Sund and Collins with experienced assessments.

In the spring of 1982, Robinson was inducted into the

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Michigan Sports Hall of Fame, marking the supreme honor in the state where he enjoyed over 45 years of coaching success. The list of Michigan athletes that have played for Robinson reads like a Who's Who in sports, as his teams were usually tagged with the title "Champion."

Robinson enjoyed success at Detroit Miller High School where his 1947 team won the city championship over St. Joseph's High School. The game drew 16,249 to Olympia Stadium, a state of Michigan attendance mark until the Pistons moved to the Pontiac Silverdome in 1978.

Moving to Pershing High School, Robinson brought successful basketball with him, as his teams racked up several state and city championships and won at an 85 percent clip.

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Alvin GENTRY

Assistant Coach

Alvin Gentry joins the Detroit Pistons for the 1995-96 season, his eighth as an assistant coach in the National Basketball Association. Gentry, who had coached each of the last four seasons with the Miami Heat, will be working with Pistons' head coach Doug Collins for the first time. Gentry's assistant coaching assignment in Detroit is his fourth in the NBA. Aside from Miami and Detroit, Gentry has also worked for the San Antonio Spurs and the Los Angeles Clippers.

Originally hired by Miami coach Kevin Loughery in the summer of 1991, Gentry worked as an assistant on the Heat staff until February of 1995, when he was given the reins of the Heat team as its interim head coach. He held that position through the end of the 1994-95 campaign and shortly thereafter joined Doug Collins in Detroit.

A native of Shelby, North Carolina and a first cousin of former pro David Thompson, Gentry played collegiately for Press Maravich and Bobby Cremins at Appalachian State, where he earned a degree in Management. He began his coaching career after an unsuccessful tryout with the Denver Nuggets in 1977, working as a graduate assistant at Colorado.

After one year in private business, Gentry returned to the college ranks, working as an assistant at Baylor for one season. He then worked at Colorado for four years before joining Larry Brown at the University of Kansas in 1985. He worked with Brown at Kansas for three seasons, helping lead the Jayhawks to the 1988 NCAA Championship.

Gentry then went with Brown to the San Antonio Spurs, where he worked for two seasons (1988-90). He then worked the 1990-91 season as an assistant for Los Angeles Clippers coach Mike Schuler before heading to Miami in 1991.

Gentry and his wife Suzanne have recently relocated from the Miami area to Oakland Township, MI. He has one daughter, Alexis (age 11).

Brian JAMES

Assistant Coach

Brian James enters the 1995-96 campaign as an assistant coach with the Detroit Pistons for the first time. The position with the Pistons also marks James' first coaching opportunity in the NBA. Detroit head coach Doug Collins gave James his shot at the big-time on June 28, 1995, announcing the hiring of his longtime friend and associate, along with that of fellow assistant coach Alvin Gentry, on the afternoon of the 1995 NBA Draft.

James joined the Pistons after coaching high school basketball in the state of Illinois for 18 seasons, where he compiled a career record of 196-79. A 1977 graduate of Illinois State University, James became the youngest prep head coach in the state of Illinois for the 1977-78 season when he was tabbed to lead Wilmington High School at the tender age of 21 years old.

He went on to coach at four different high schools in Illinois, spending six years at Glenbrook North High School, where he established himself as one of the state's top coaches. It was at Glenbrook where James coached Chris Collins from 1989-1992. Son of the Pistons' head coach, Chris was Mr. Basketball for the state of Illinois in 1992, before enrolling at Duke University. The younger Collins is entering his senior season at Duke this fall.

James' Glenbrook teams went 139-34 in his six years there, winning five league championships. The 40-year old James was named the *Chicago Sun-Times'* Best Young Coach in 1993-94. He was also honored as Illinois District IV Coach of the Year in four separate seasons.

James, who went on to earn a masters degree in administration from Northeastern Illinois in 1991, has relocated to Birmingham, Michigan from Northbrook, Illinois with his wife Julie, 10-year old stepson Christopher and two-year old daughter, Dayna.

John HAMMOND

ADVANCE SCOUT / ASSISTANT COACH

John Hammond begins his third season with the Detroit Pistons, but his first as Advance Scout/Assistant Coach. He will handle all advanced professional scouting for Head Coach Doug Collins in the 1995-96 season. Hammond will scout all of Detroit's opponents providing feedback and scouting reports to Collins and his staff on those opponents.

He had served the past two seasons as the team's Scouting Coordinator, but the new position is designed to take more advantage of Hammond's coaching background. While working as the team's Scouting Coordinator under former Vice-President Billy McKinney, Hammond's main responsibilities entailed the coordination of all collegiate, CBA, and overseas player evaluations.

Hammond joined the Pistons in 1993 after working for three seasons as assistant coach for the Los Angeles Clippers. He worked with McKinney and current Pistons scout Walt Perrin in Minnesota, helping develop the Timberwolves expansion team roster before heading to Los Angeles.

Hammond, 41, began his NBA career with Minnesota as an assistant coach and scout after working for six seasons at Southwest Missouri State. He helped the school to three consecutive NCAA Tournament berths (1986, '87, '88) and a 1985 NIT spot. He also coached for two years (1981-83) at Houston Baptist, two years at Nebraska (1979-81), and for two years at the high school level in the state of Nebraska.

The Zion, IL native attended Greenville (IL) College, lettering twice and serving as a student assistant coach. He went on to earn his master's degree in Physical Education from Nebraska.

Hammond and his wife Marsha are the parents of a four-year old daughter, Lauryn Shay. Hammond and his family reside in Rochester Hills.

Walt PERRIN

COLLEGE SCOUT / ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Walt Perrin begins his fourth season with the Detroit Pistons in 1995-96, returning to the team's scouting department under the guidance of Vice-President of Player Personnel Rick Sund. Perrin will work with Sund in the scouting of all potential NBA talent in the collegiate ranks. Additionally, he will have other administrative assignments within the Pistons organization as assigned by Sund.

Perrin, who joined the Pistons in 1992 as the team's Director of Scouting, had worked the past two years as an assistant coach on former coach Don Chaney's staff. His primary responsibilities included working with the team during practice and advanced professional scouting.

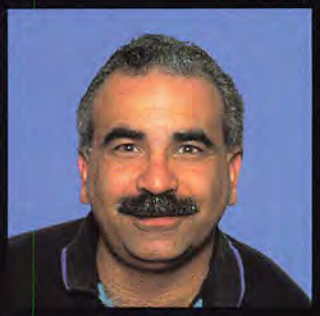
As Director of Scouting in 1992-93, Perrin was responsible for all college player evaluations, advanced NBA player scouting along with advisement and consulting regarding player personnel for former Vice-President Billy McKinney.

The 44-year old Perrin came to Detroit after two years as a scout for the Minnesota Timberwolves. In Minnesota, Perrin worked with McKinney to develop the expansion Timberwolves.

A Northern Illinois University graduate, Perrin began his career as the co-head coach of NIU's junior varsity team. In 1974, he moved on to Northwestern University where he spent 12 years as an assistant coach. After Northwestern, Perrin spent two years at Fresno State as an assistant before being hired by the Chicago Express of the World Basketball League. With 10 games remaining in the 1988 WBL season, Perrin took over the head coaching duties and led the Express to the league's championship game.

Perrin and his wife, Patti, currently reside in Rochester Hills, MI with their two sons, Christopher and Andrew.

Mike ABDENOUR



Head Trainer

One of the league's most respected and tenured trainers, Mike Abdenour comes back to the Detroit Pistons for his 18th season with the club and his 21st in the NBA. Abdenour is in his first year back with the Pistons after making his return to Detroit in the summer of 1995. He had spent the past three seasons as the head trainer of the Philadelphia 76ers. Aside from his duties as the team's trainer, Abdenour will also handle all travel matters for the Pistons this season.

The 43-year old Abdenour has a reputation as one of the league's most active and vocal trainers. He was always considered an integral part of coach Chuck Daly's staff on the Pistons' championship teams of 1989 and 1990, leaving Detroit after the 1991-92 season to take the job in Philadelphia.

Abdenour originally joined the Pistons staff in 1974 making the jump to the professional level from Wayne State University. He has been a member of the NBA's tight training fraternity since making that move.

A member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association since his college days, Abdenour has handled a number of prestigious duties during his time in the NBA. Included on that list are serving as trainer for the 1979 and 1994 NBA All-Star games and the 1981 NBA All-Stars tour of mainland China. He served as secretary on the NBATA Executive Committee from 1987-89. He and his brother Tom made history of sorts in 1987, when they became the first brother training combination in professional sports.

Abdenour's hobbies include working towards a pilot's license and home remodeling. He and his wife Janice have two young boys, Michael (age 3) and Keith Johnston, who was born this past summer.

Arnie KANDER

Strength and Conditioning Coach

Strength and conditioning coach Arnie Kander begins his fourth season with the Detroit Pistons. Kander has been with the Pistons since the spring of 1992, when he became the team's first strength and conditioning coach. He works in conjunction with team trainer Mike Abdenour on the prevention, treatment and rehabilitation of injuries for the Pistons. Kander's duties also include the design and implementation of specific programs that are aimed at enhancing individual players' flexibility, strength and aerobic conditioning.

An innovator in the strength and conditioning field, Kander has designed and developed the team's training area in Pistons Center to meet the conditioning needs of NBA players.

A 1987 graduate in physical therapy from Wayne State University, Kander began his career as the sports coordinator at Crittenton Fitness Institute. He then moved on to Rochester Knee and Sports Therapy where he worked as a staff therapist. It was while he was at Rochester Knee that Kander began his association with the Pistons.

Kander's interest in strength and conditioning began during his career as a professional dancer with the Virginia Ballet Company from 1983-86. He has since submitted several research projects on isokinetic strength testing, jump training and developing a jump platform system. He also serves as the strength and conditioning consultant for the Oakland University's Women's Basketball Team.

Married, Kander and his wife Denise have two children; son Ian and daughter Lindsay. The family resides in Fenton, MI.

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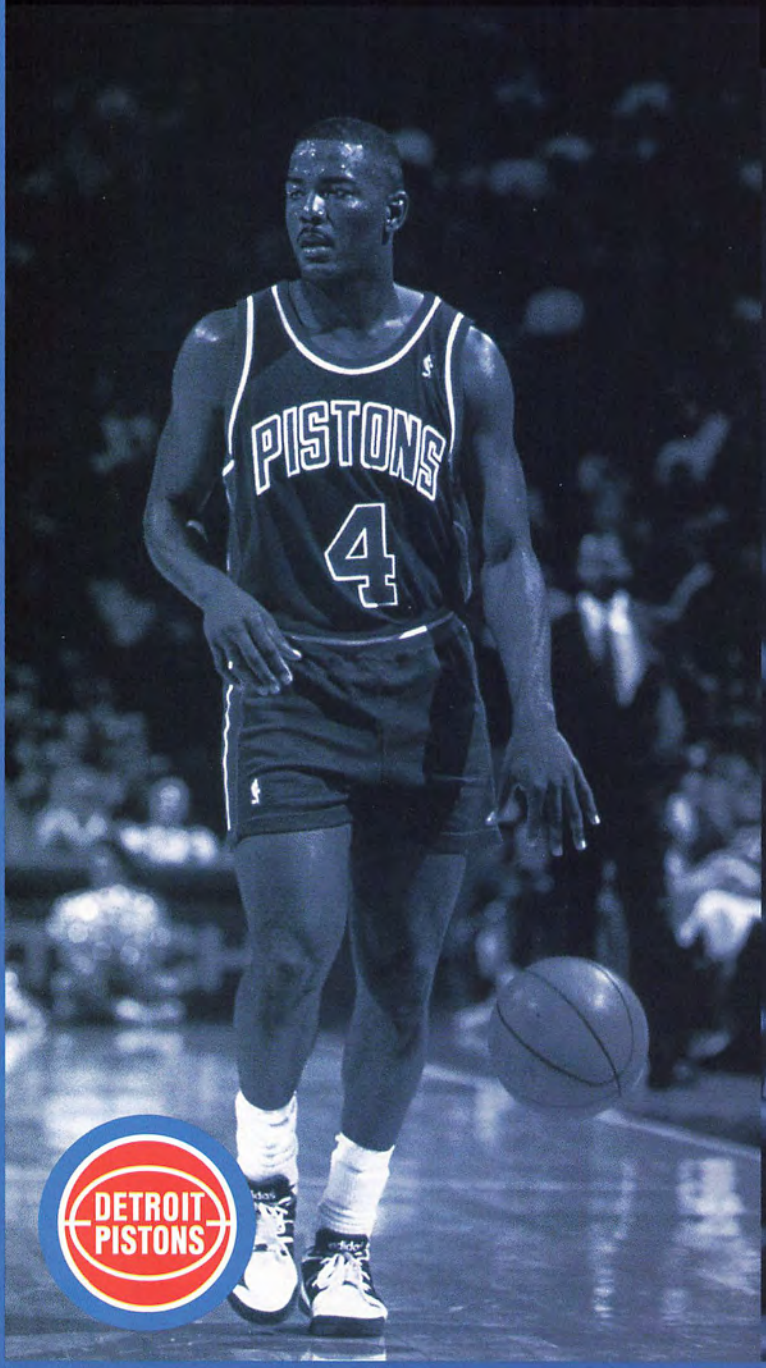

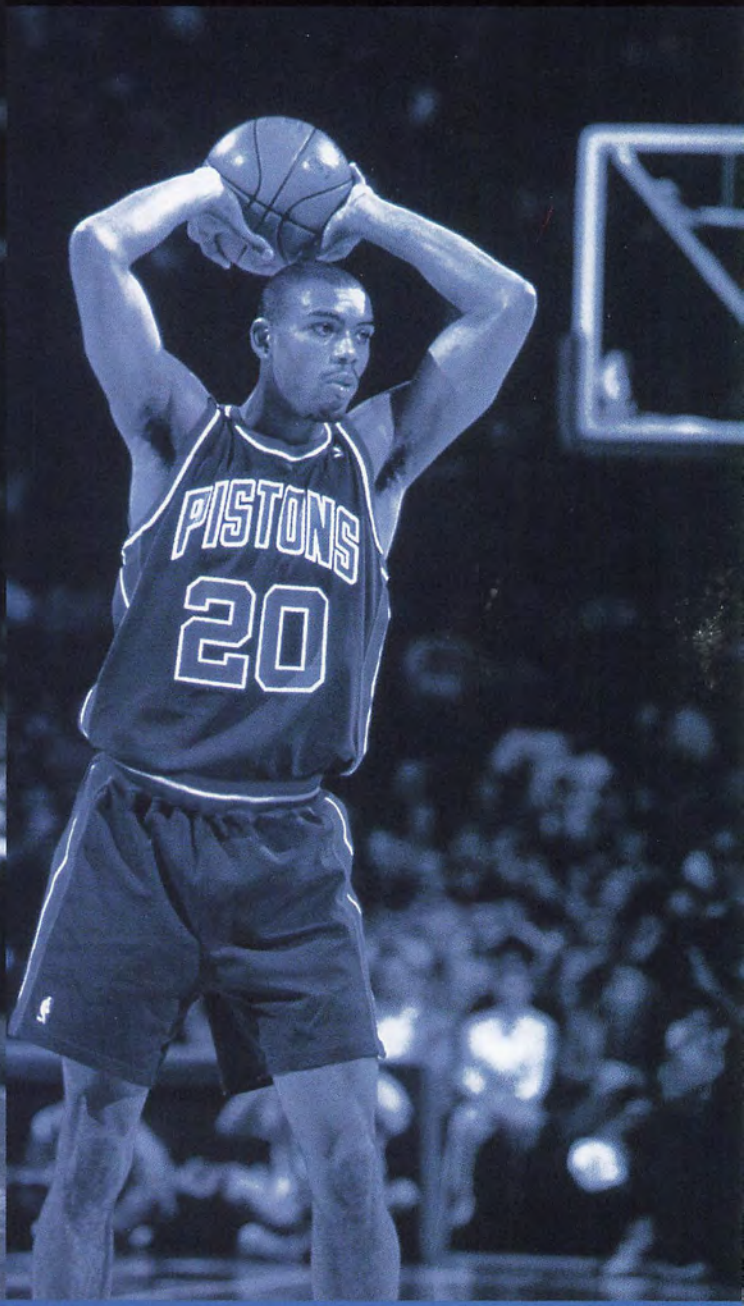

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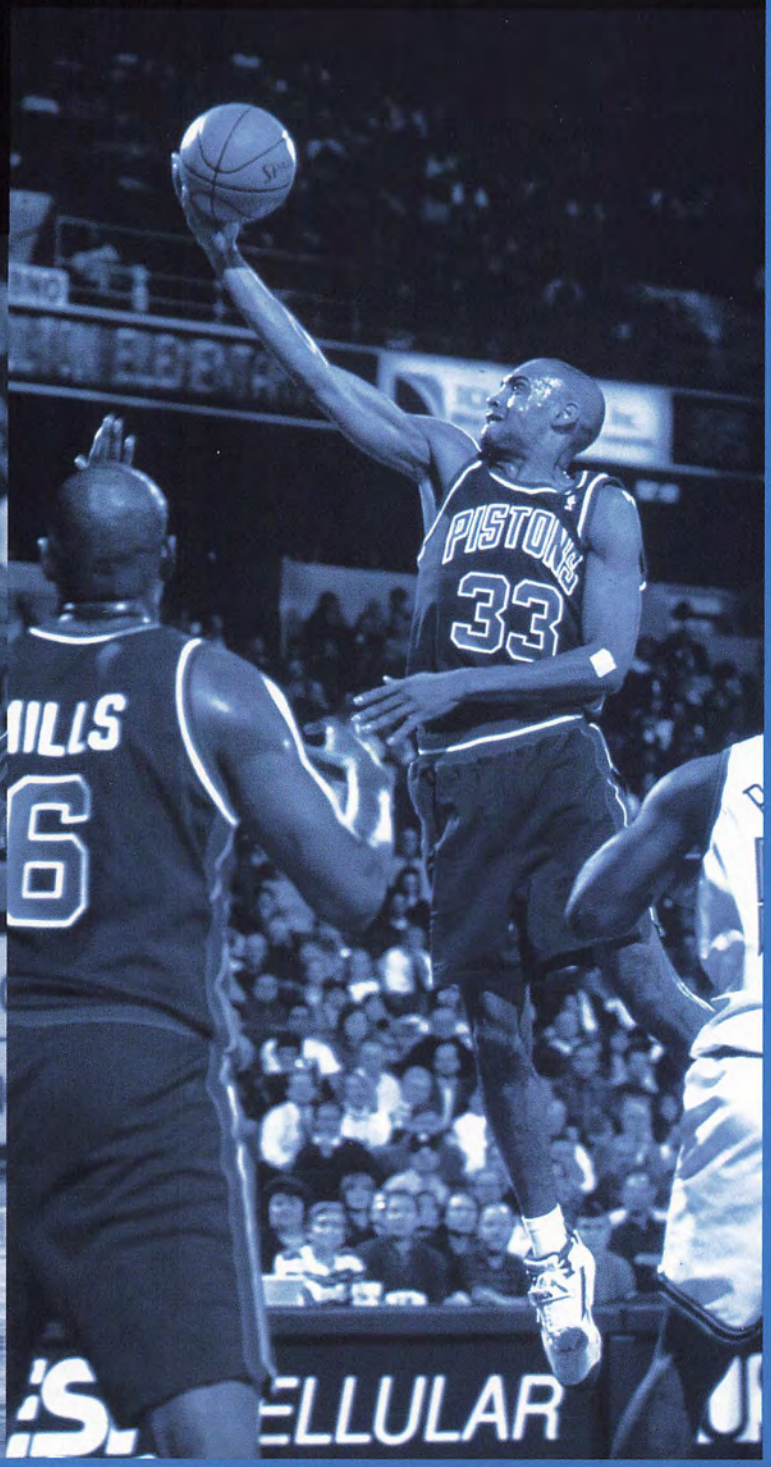

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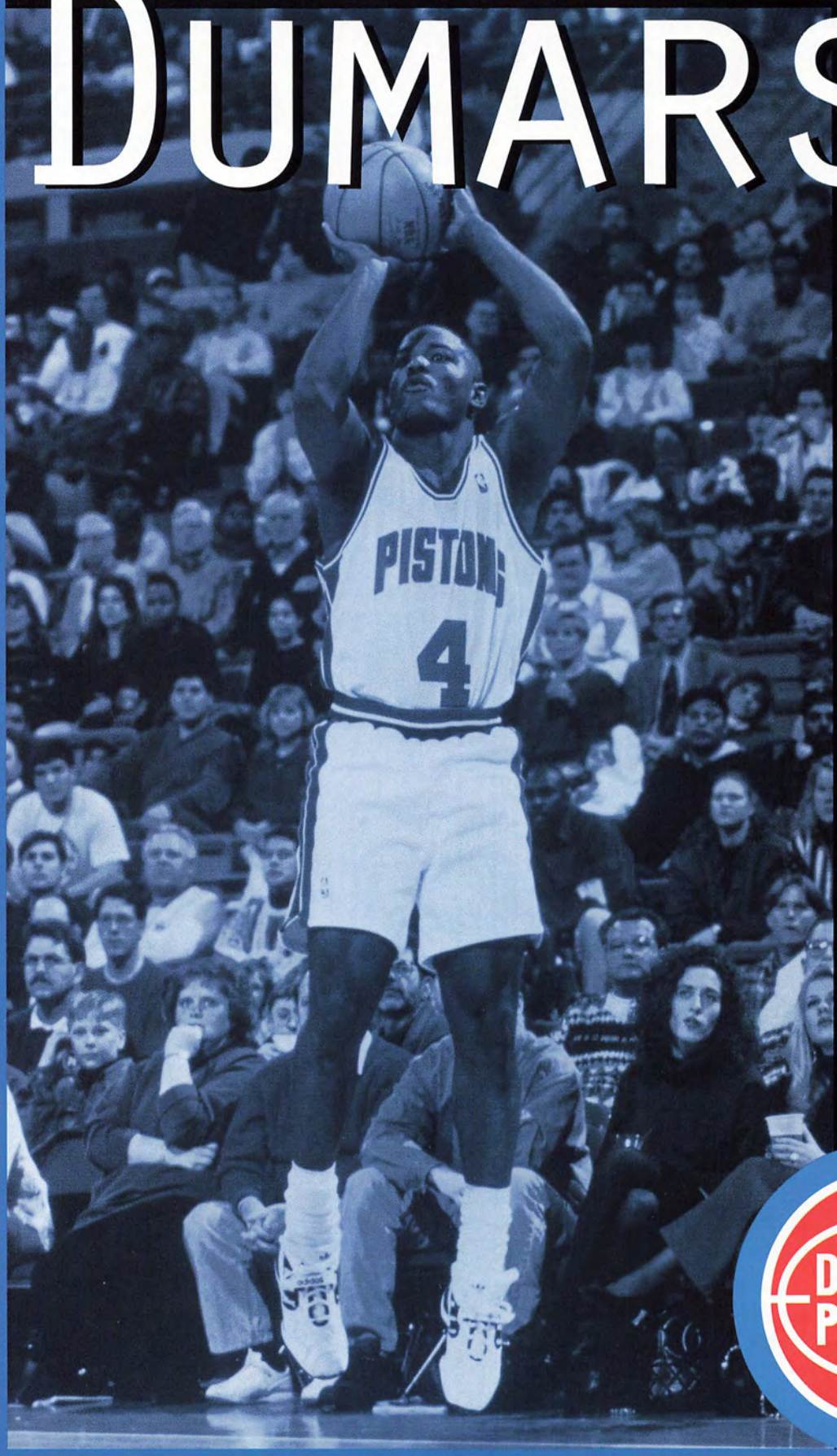


GUARD

DETROIT PISTONS

- Detroit's second leading scorer in 1994-95, averaging 18.1 points per game in 67 games, the lowest number of games played in a single season in his NBA career.
- Led the team in scoring in 21 of those 67 games.
- Tallied 40 or more points three times, tying NBA three-point records in two of those games.
- Has played in five of the past six NBA All-Star games; did not play in 1994.
- Played on and served as a tri-captain for the gold medal winning Team USA (Dream Team II) at the 1994 World Championships in Toronto, ONT, averaging 11.0 points per contest at the games.
- Detroit's fourth all-time leading scorer with 13,079 total points.
- Averaged 20 or more points in three of his 10 NBA seasons.
- Four-time All-Southland Conference selection.
- Southland Conference leading scorer in 1982, 1984 and 1985.
- All-time McNeese State scoring leader.
- An avid tennis player, he hosted the third annual Joe Dumars Celebrity Tennis Classic, a highly successful charitable event raising funds for Children's Hospital, in July of 1995.

4 detroit pistons

HEIGHT
6-3

WEIGHT
195

COLLEGE
MCNEESE STATE '85 (BUSINESS MANAGEMENT)

HIGH SCHOOL
NATCHITOCHES-CENTRAL HS, NATCHITOCHES, LA

BIRTHDATE
5-24-63

BIRTHPLACE
NATCHITOCHES, LA

WHEN DRAFTED
FIRST ROUND (18TH OVERALL) DETROIT, 1985

HOW ACQUIRED
COLLEGE DRAFT

PRO EXPERIENCE
TEN YEARS

MARITAL STATUS
MARRIED (DEBBIE)

CHILDREN
JORDAN, AREN

RESIDENCE
BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI

Grant HILL

FORWARD

DETROIT PISTONS

- Named a member of Dream Team III this past summer, meaning he will represent Team USA in the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta.
- Honored as the NBA Co-Rookie of the Year, tying for the award with Jason Kidd of the Dallas Mavericks.
- Became the first rookie in the history of the NBA to lead the league in voting for the All-Star game, with 1,289,585 votes in 1995.
- Started in the game and scored 10 points for the Eastern Conference.
- Became the first Pistons player since the 1981-82 season to score 1,000 or more points in his rookie season.
- Played for collegiate coaching great Mike Krzyzewski while at Duke, winning NCAA Championships in his freshman and sophomore seasons.
- Also won three ACC regular season titles and one ACC Tournament title while at Duke.
- First player in ACC history to record 1,900 points, 700 rebounds, 400 assists, 200 steals and 100 blocked shots.
- Consensus First Team All-America and the Atlantic Coast Conference Player of the Year in his senior campaign.
- Led Duke in scoring (17.4), assists (5.2), and steals (64) while leading the Blue Devils to their third NCAA Finals appearance in his four years there.
- Eighth player in Duke history to have his number (33) retired.

22 detroit pistons

HEIGHT
6-8

WEIGHT
225

COLLEGE
DUKE '94 (HISTORY)

HIGH SCHOOL
SOUTH LAKES HS, RESTON, VA

BIRTHDATE
10-5-72

BIRTHPLACE
DALLAS, TX

WHEN DRAFTED
FIRST ROUND (THIRD OVERALL) DETROIT, 1994

HOW ACQUIRED
COLLEGE DRAFT

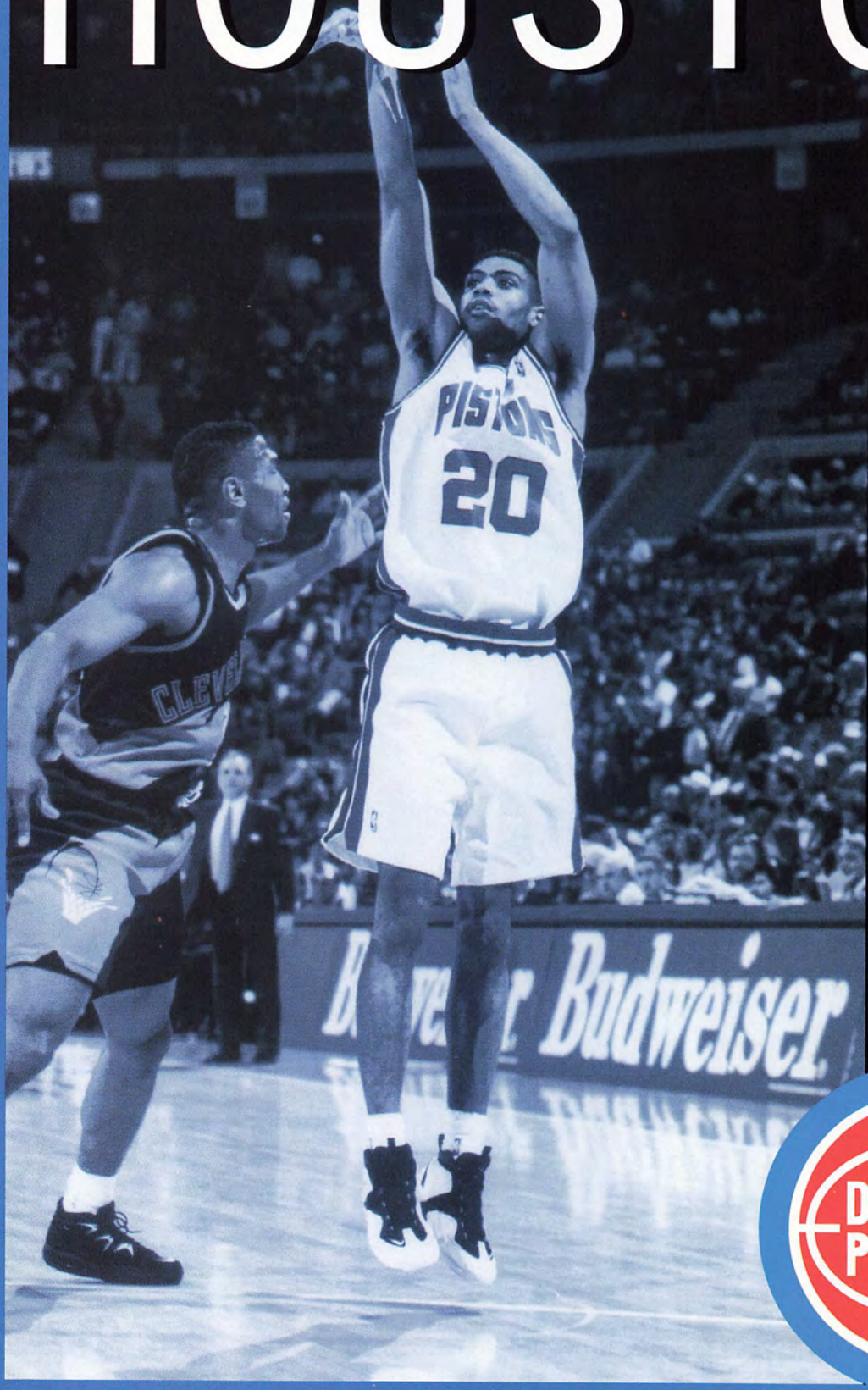
PRO EXPERIENCE
ONE YEAR

MARITAL STATUS
SINGLE

RESIDENCE
BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI

Allan HOUSTON

GUARD



DETROIT PISTONS

- Proved himself as one of the NBA's most potent scorers in the second half of the season, averaging 24.8 points per game over the last 24 games of the season.
- Averaged 14.5 points per game for the season.
- Scored in double figures in 44 of his last 55 games, averaging 18.4 points per game over that span.
- Tied an NBA record for three-point baskets in a single half when he made seven at Chicago on 2/17/95.
- Played 79 games in 1993-94, starting 20 times.
- Averaged 8.5 points and 1.5 rebounds per game for the Pistons in 1993-94, seeing his scoring average increase to 14.9 points per game during the season's last 11 games.
- Tennessee's all-time leading scorer with 2,801 points, placing him second on the all-time SEC scoring list.
- Finished his collegiate career as the 13th leading scorer in NCAA history.
- One of eight college players chosen to the USA Development Team that practiced against the U.S. Olympic Men's Basketball Team during the summer of 1992.
- Led the SEC in scoring (22.3) and free-throw percentage in the 1992-93 season.

20 detroit pistons

HEIGHT
6-6

WEIGHT
210

COLLEGE
TENNESSEE '93 (AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES)

HIGH SCHOOL
BALLARD HS, LOUISVILLE, KY

BIRTHDATE
4-4-71

BIRTHPLACE
LOUISVILLE, KY

WHEN DRAFTED
FIRST ROUND (11TH OVERALL), DETROIT, 1993

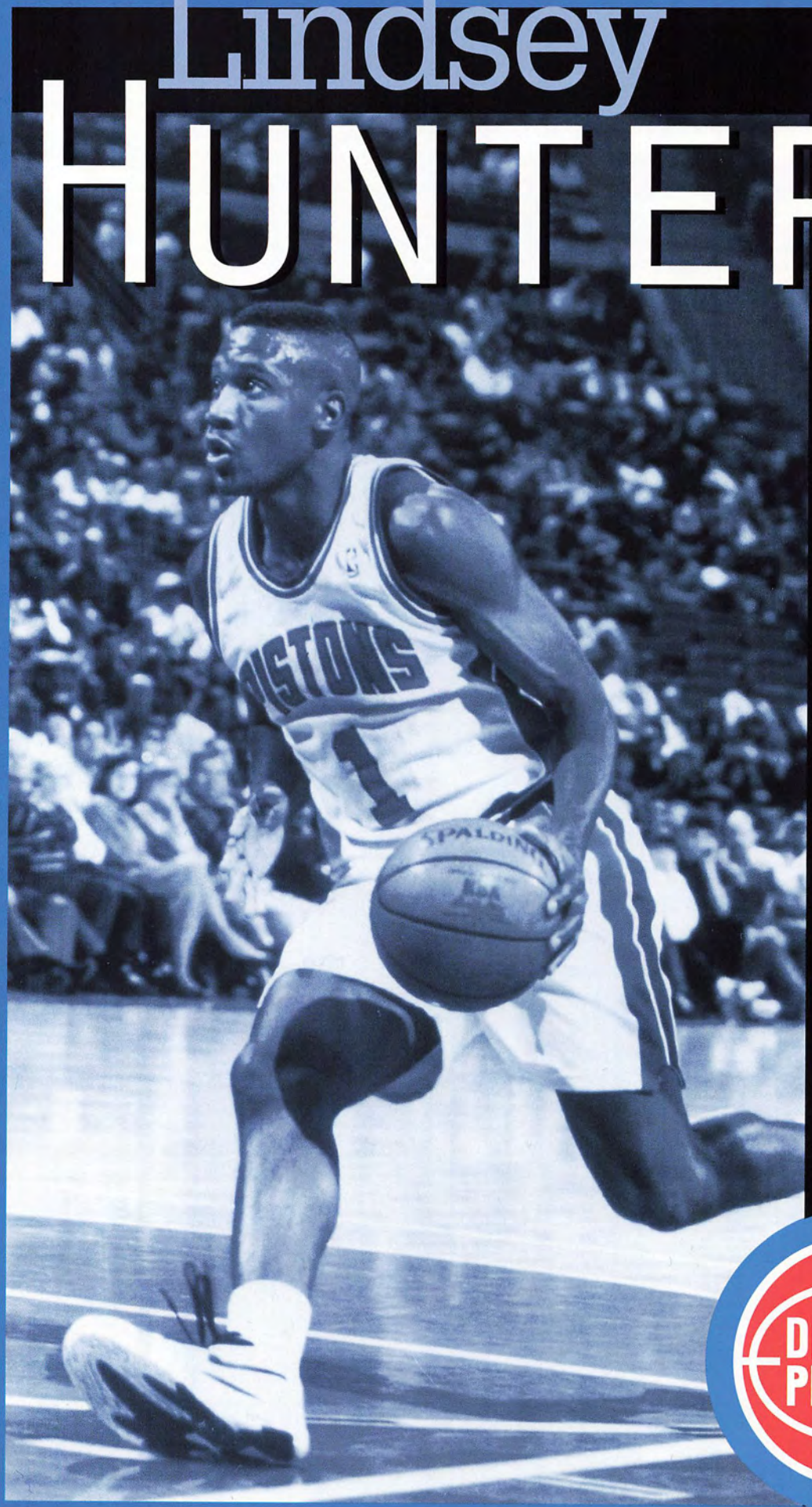
HOW ACQUIRED
COLLEGE DRAFT

PRO EXPERIENCE
TWO YEARS

MARITAL STATUS
SINGLE

RESIDENCE
LOUISVILLE, KY

Lindsey HUNTER



GUARD

DETROIT PISTONS

- Played just 42 games in an up-and-down season, missing 40 games due to a fractured fifth metatarsal in his right foot.
- Suffered the injury against the Chicago Bulls on Dec. 9 while playing as the team's starting point guard, a position he had held since the start of the season.
- The only Pistons player to play in all 82 of the team's games in 1993-94, he earned NBA second team All-Rookie honors.
- Averaged 10.3 points, 4.8 assists, 2.3 rebounds and 1.5 steals per game that rookie season.
- 121 steals led the Pistons, while his 390 assists placed him second on the team to Isiah Thomas.
- Averaged 13.6 points per game in the 26 games he started in 1993-94.
- Scored a career high 29 points against Chicago on 1/4/94.
- Began his collegiate career at Alcorn State where he averaged 6.1 points per game in 1988-89.
- Named Southwestern Athletic Conference Player of the Year in 1993 after leading the league with 26.7 points per game.
- Named to the SWAC All-Freshman Team.
- Played his final three seasons at Jackson State, averaging better than 20 points per game each season.

1 detroit pistons

HEIGHT
6-2

WEIGHT
195

COLLEGE
JACKSON STATE '93
(ELEMENTARY EDUCATION)

HIGH SCHOOL
MURRAH HS,
JACKSON MS

BIRTHDATE
12-3-70

BIRTHPLACE
UTICA, MS

WHEN DRAFTED
FIRST ROUND
(10TH OVERALL)
DETROIT, 1994

HOW ACQUIRED
COLLEGE DRAFT

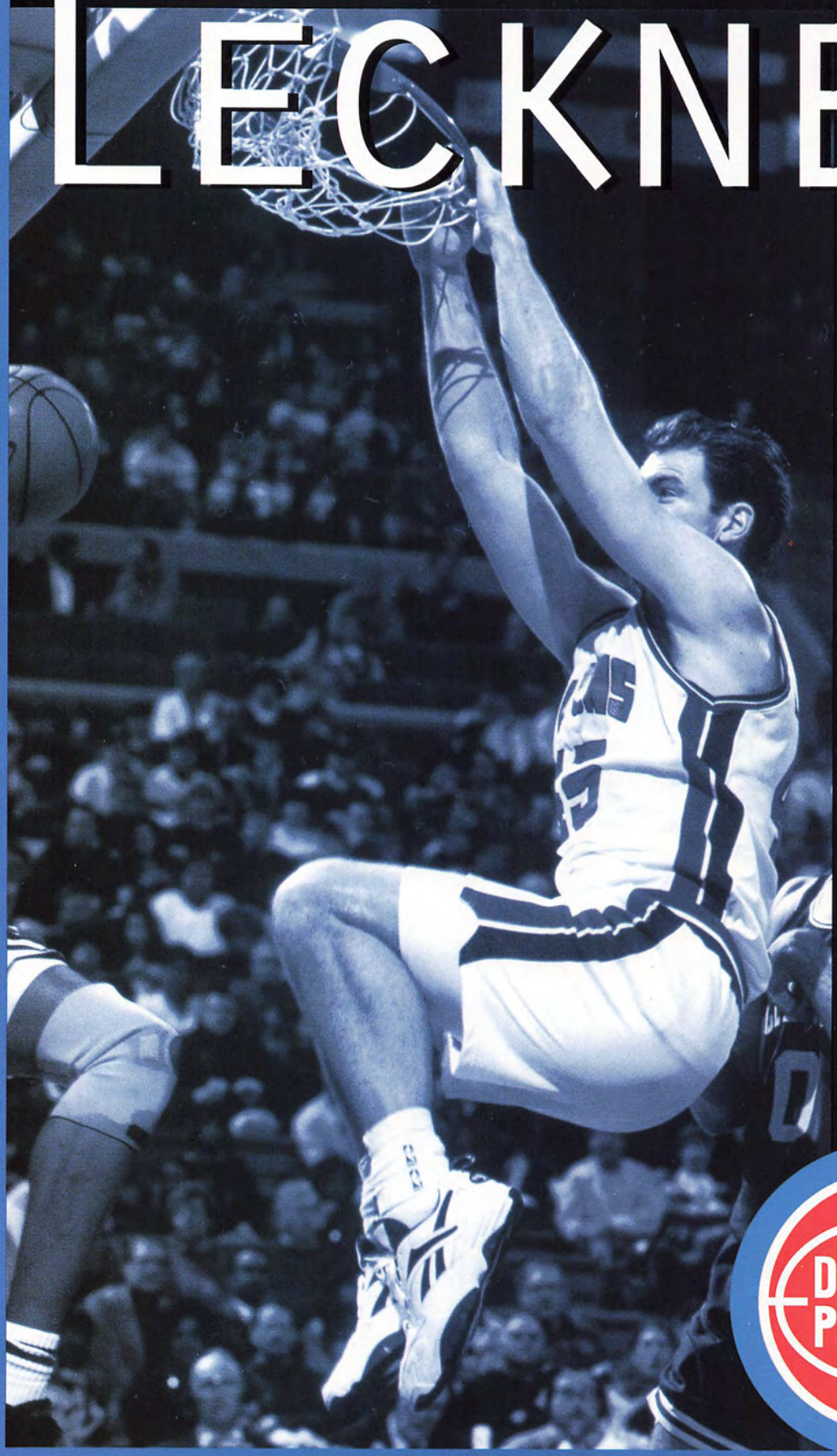
PRO EXPERIENCE
TWO YEARS

MARITAL STATUS
MARRIED (IVY)

RESIDENCE
SOUTHFIELD, MI

Eric LECKNER

CENTER



DETROIT PISTONS

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- Played 57 games in 1994-95, starting 11 times, for the Pistons in a reserve role after being acquired from the Philadelphia 76ers during the offseason.
- Averaged 3.9 points and 3.1 rebounds per game while shooting .527 from the field for the season.
- Averaged 9.5 points and 7.0 rebounds per game while shooting .603 (41-68) from the field during an 11 game stretch.
- Played 71 games with the 76ers in 1993-94, starting 31 times over the season's final 32 games.
- Averaged 5.1 points and 4.0 rebounds for the 93-94 season, grabbing a career-high 17 rebounds against Minnesota on 3/15/94.
- Played 152 games over two seasons for Utah, averaging 4.3 points per game.
- Shot .545 from the field as a rookie for Utah in 1988-89.
- Scored his NBA career-high as a rookie, netting 21 points vs. Golden State on 4/22/89.
- Among the NCAA's field goal percentage leaders in his senior year at .612.
- Finished his career at Wyoming with MVP honors at the Western Athletic Conference Tournament for the third straight year.
- Left Wyoming as the Cowboys' third all-time leading scorer and their sixth leading rebounder.
- Averaged 15.4 points and 6.6 rebounds as a senior.

HEIGHT
6-11

WEIGHT
265

COLLEGE
WYOMING '88
(COMMUNICATIONS)

HIGH SCHOOL
MIRA COSTA HS,
MANHATTAN BEACH, CA

BIRTHDATE
5-27-66

BIRTHPLACE
INGLEWOOD, CA

WHEN DRAFTED
FIRST ROUND
(17TH OVERALL)
UTAH, 1988

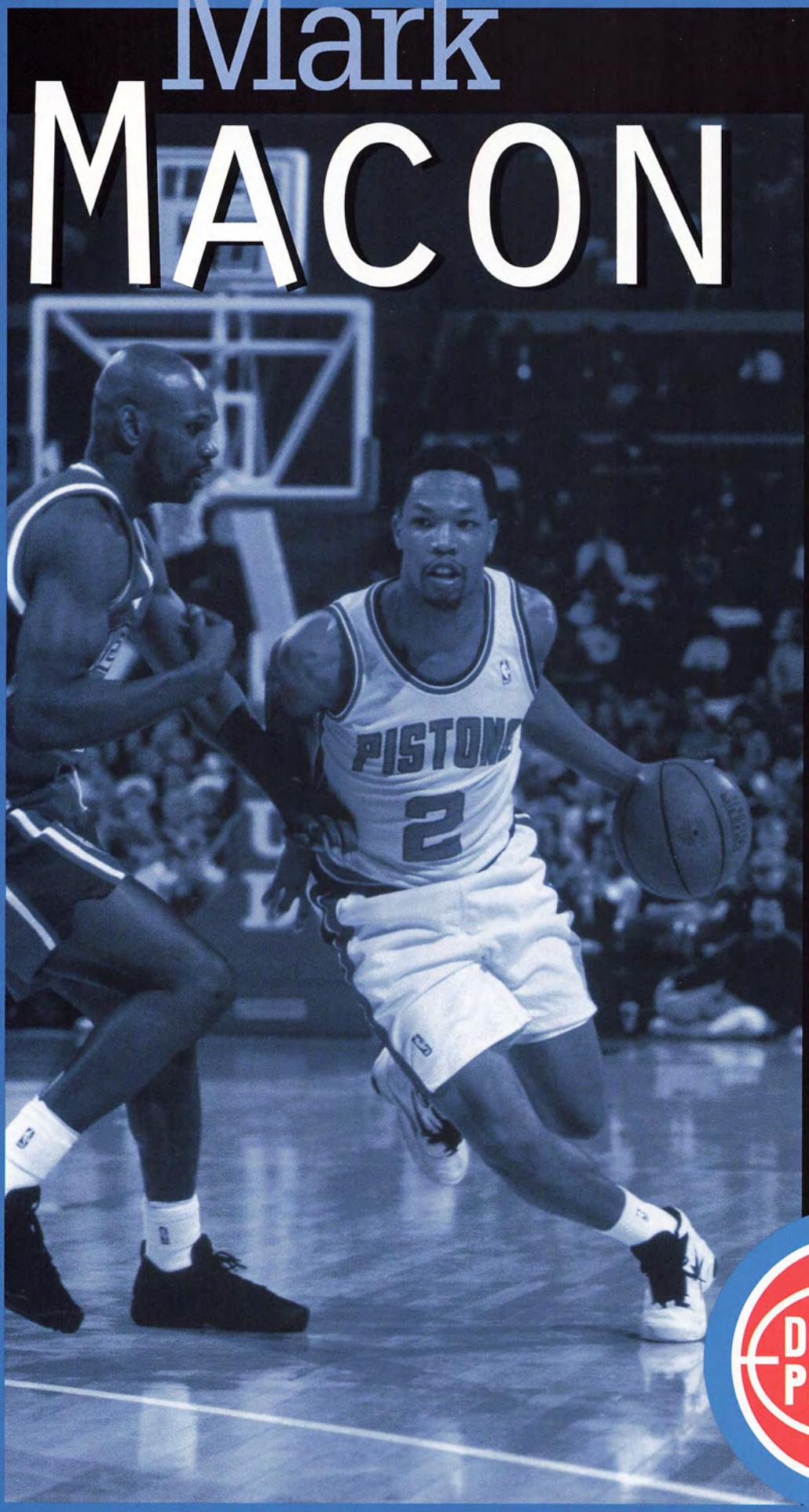
HOW ACQUIRED
FROM PHILADELPHIA IN
EXCHANGE FOR A 1996
SECOND ROUND DRAFT
CHOICE, 7-25-94

PRO EXPERIENCE
SIX YEARS

MARITAL STATUS
SINGLE

RESIDENCE
SANDY, UT

Mark MACON



GUARD

DETROIT PISTONS

- Played 55 games in his second season with the Pistons and his fourth in the NBA, averaging 5.0 points and 1.3 rebounds in 13.1 minutes per game, seeing most of his action as the team's backcourt defensive stopper.
- Scored a season-high 17 points in a start against Chicago on Dec. 17.
- Started the season strong, shooting .428 (15-35) from the three-point line in the team's first 19 games.
- Scored in double figures in 12 of his 55 games played.
- Nuggets Defensive Player of the Year in 1991-92, playing in 76 contests that season.
- Was tenth in the league in steals that year at 2.03 steals per game.
- Scored a career-high 23 points against Cleveland on 2/12/92.
- Grabbed a career-high seven steals vs. Sacramento on 3/17/92.
- Four year All-Conference selection for Temple in the Atlantic-10.
- Left Temple as their all-time leading scorer (2,609 points) and steals man (281).
- Led Temple to the NCAA's final eight twice in his four-year career.
- Named outstanding player at the NCAA East Regional in 1991.
- Consensus selection as the NCAA Freshman-of-the-Year in 1988, averaging 20.6 points per game.

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HEIGHT
6-5

WEIGHT
200

COLLEGE
TEMPLE '91 (EDUCATION)

HIGH SCHOOL
BUENA VISTA HS, SAGINAW, MI

BIRTHDATE
4-14-69

BIRTHPLACE
SAGINAW, MI

WHEN DRAFTED
FIRST ROUND (EIGHTH OVERALL)DENVER 1991

HOW ACQUIRED
FROM DENVER WITH MARCUS LIBERTY IN EXCHANGE FOR ALVIN ROBERTSON, 11-19-94

PRO EXPERIENCE
FOUR YEARS

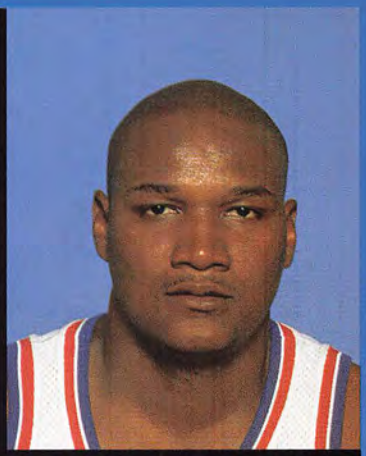
MARITAL STATUS
SINGLE

RESIDENCE
SAGINAW, MI

Terry MILLS

FORWARD

DETROIT PISTONS



- Averaged 15.5 points per game over 72 games for the Pistons in 1994-95, marking the first time in his NBA career that his scoring average has decreased from one season to the next.
- Led the team with an average of 7.8 rebounds per game.
- Made 109 three-point baskets after making just 42 in his previous four seasons in the league.
- Totalled 160 assists, the highest single season total in his five-year career.
- Increased his free throw percentage, to .799, for the fourth straight season.
- Recorded 18 double-doubles and scored in double figures in 56 games.
- Tallied a season-high 37 points at Boston on Nov. 30.
- One of only two Pistons to play in Detroit for the past three seasons.
- Had an outstanding first season with the Pistons, finishing third on the team in scoring, averaging 14.8 points per game in 81 games.
- His career-high, 41-point scoring effort was versus Boston on March 1, 1993.
- Former University of Michigan standout, was a member of the 1989 NCAA Championship Team.
- Finished his career ranked 13th on the all-time Michigan scoring list with 1,405 points scored.

6 detroit pistons

HEIGHT
6-10

WEIGHT
250

COLLEGE
MICHIGAN '90 (COMMUNICATIONS)

HIGH SCHOOL
ROMULUS HS, ROMULUS, MI

BIRTHDATE
12-21-67

BIRTHPLACE
DETROIT, MI

WHEN DRAFTED
FIRST ROUND (16TH OVERALL) MILWAUKEE, 1990

HOW ACQUIRED
SIGNED AS A RESTRICTED FREE AGENT, 9-30-92

PRO EXPERIENCE
FIVE YEARS

MARITAL STATUS
SINGLE

RESIDENCE
BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI

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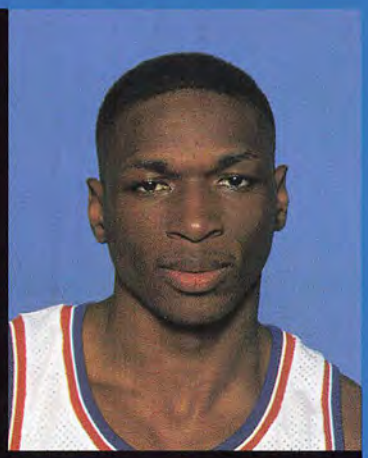


- The NCAA's second all-time leading shot blocker behind Georgetown's Alonzo Mourning.
- Consensus All-WAC (Western Athletic Conference) selection and the conference's Defensive Player of the Year after blocking 144 shots in the 1994-95 collegiate campaign.
- Average of 5.14 blocks per game ranked him second in the country.
- Also averaged 14.4 points and 7.5 rebounds per game while shooting .544 from the field.
- Triple-doubled against San Diego State on 1/2/95 with 20 points, 12 rebounds and 11 blocked shots.
- Blocked 425 shots for his career, an average of 3.83 per game, placing him third in the NCAA in that category.
- Averaged 10.3 points and 5.9 rebounds per game, starting 78 of 111 games played.
- Started all 56 of his team's games over his final two seasons.
- Wyoming's 15th all-time scorer (1,142 points) and its 10th all-time leading rebounder (655).
- Recorded a career-high 11 blocked shots on three different occasions.
- Scored a career-high 32 points versus Hawaii on 2/24/94.
- Posted single season highs of 15.4 points and 7.8 rebounds per game as a junior earning All-WAC first team honors.
- Led the NCAA in total blocked shots (124) blocks per game (4.43) as a sophomore.

42 detroit pistons

HEIGHT
6-10

WEIGHT
225

COLLEGE
WYOMING '95 (COMMUNICATIONS)

HIGH SCHOOL
DEMOPOLIS HS, DEMOPOLIS, AL

BIRTHDATE
4-17-73

BIRTHPLACE
DEMOPOLIS, AL

WHEN DRAFTED
FIRST ROUND (18TH OVERALL) DETROIT, 1995

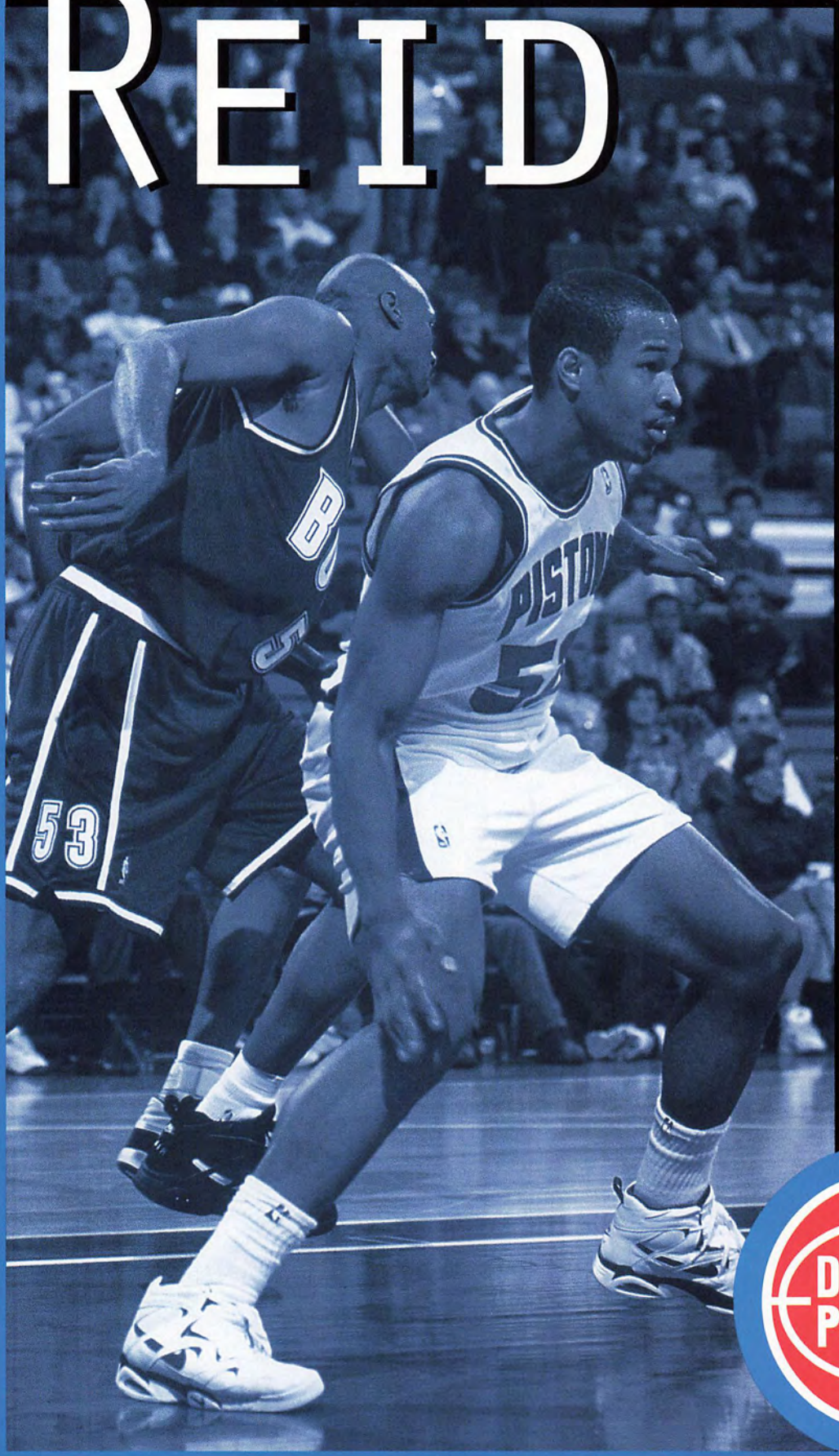
HOW ACQUIRED
COLLEGE DRAFT

PRO EXPERIENCE
ROOKIE

MARITAL STATUS
SINGLE

RESIDENCE
DEMOPOLIS, AL

Don REID



FORWARD

DETROIT PISTONS

- Role-playing power forward for Georgetown, excelling on the defensive end of the floor.
- Selected by the Pistons with the 58th and final selection of the second round in the 1995 NBA Draft.
- The pick was obtained by the Pistons from the Portland Trail Blazers along with the 18th and 19th overall selections in the draft in exchange for the eighth overall selection.
- Best known for the last second offensive rebound and put-back of Georgetown teammate Allen Iverson's miss that propelled the Hoyas over Weber State and into the Sweet Sixteen of the 1995 NCAA Tournament.
- Blocked 122 shots in 122 games for the Hoyas, despite playing only 15.9 minutes per game.
- Team captain his senior season.
- Blocked 60 shots in 31 games while averaging 23.6 minutes, 7.2 points, 5.7 rebounds and one steal per game.
- Also shot .595 percent from the field.
- Earned starting role as a junior, averaging 23 minutes per game, 7.7 points and 5.9 rebounds, while shooting .643 from the field.
- Toured Canada as a member of the Big East All-Stars at the conclusion of his sophomore year.

52 detroit pistons

HEIGHT
6-8

WEIGHT
250

COLLEGE
GEORGETOWN '95
(ARTS & SCIENCES)

HIGH SCHOOL
LARGO HS, LARGO MD

BIRTHDATE
12-30-73

BIRTHPLACE
WASHINGTON DC

WHEN DRAFTED
SECOND ROUND
(58TH OVERALL)
DETROIT, 1995

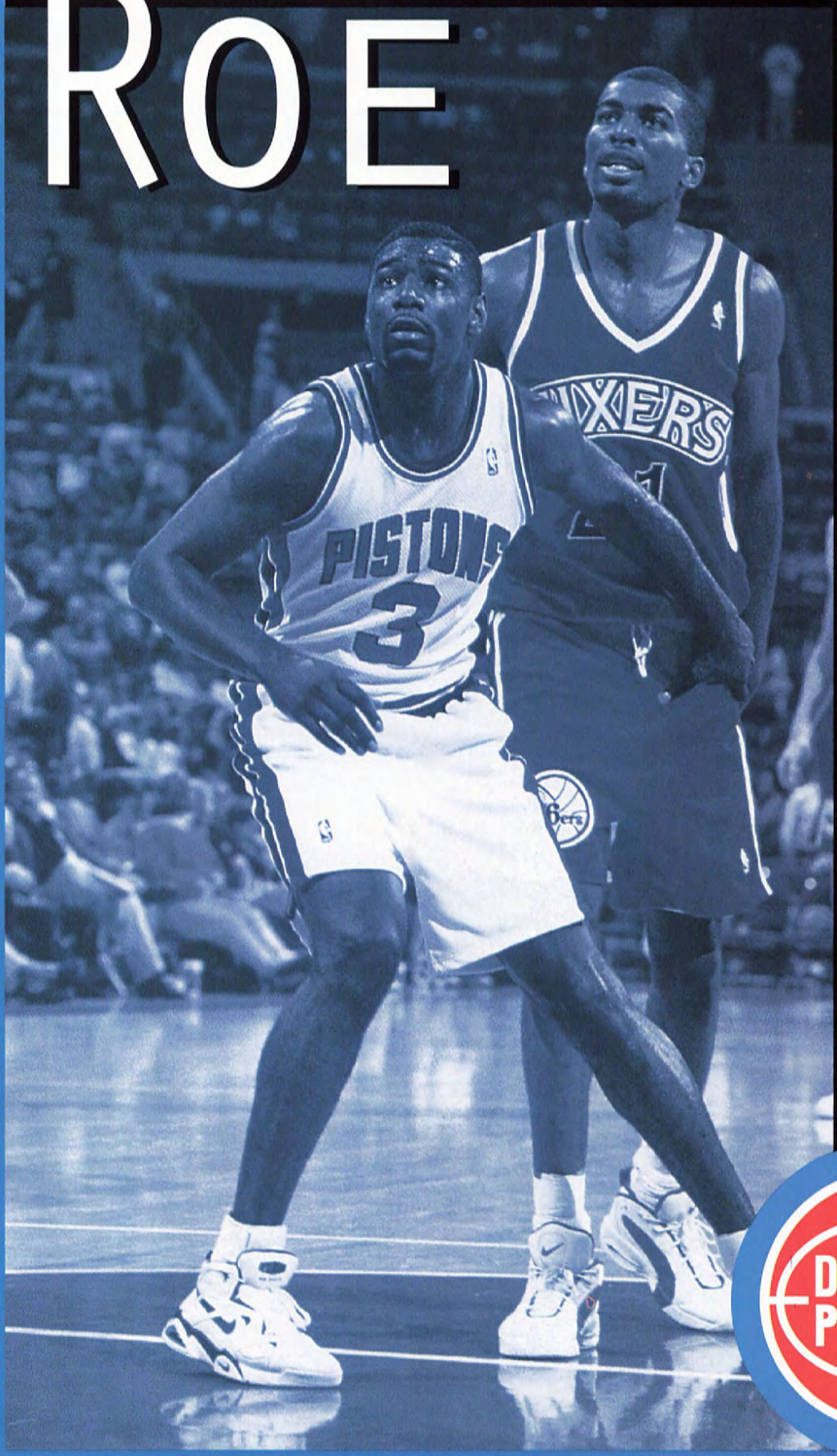
HOW ACQUIRED
COLLEGE DRAFT

PRO EXPERIENCE
ROOKIE

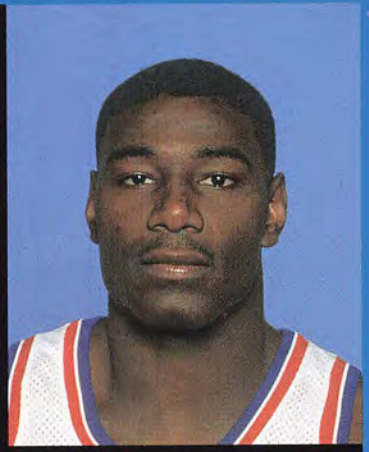
MARITAL STATUS
SINGLE

Lou ROE

FORWARD



DETROIT PISTONS



- Earned first team All-America honors from The Sporting News, second team All-America honors from the Associated Press, and Wooden All-America honors.
- The Atlantic 10 Player of the Year and the conference's post-season tournament Most Valuable Player.
- The school's all-time leading rebounder with 1,070 boards and its second all-time leading scorer with 1,905 points scored.
- Named to the Atlantic 10 All-Tournament team in 1995, making him the first player in conference history to make the All-Tournament team in four consecutive seasons.
- Played a school record 134 games at UMass.
- Three-time all-conference selection.
- Shot better than 50 percent from the field in each of his four years under coach John Calipari.
- Led the Minutemen in scoring in each of his last two seasons with the school, averaging 16.5 ppg as a senior and 18.6 ppg as a junior.
- Finished fifth in the Atlantic 10 in scoring, third in field goal percentage and fifth in rebounding as a junior.
- Also scored 650 points that season, joining only Julius Erving and Jim McCoy as Minutemen to have achieved the plateau.
- Averaged 11.8 points and 4.5 rebounds per game for United States team at the 1994 Goodwill Games in St. Petersburg, Russia.

6 detroit pistons

HEIGHT
6-7

WEIGHT
220

COLLEGE
MASSACHUSETTS '95 (SPORTS BROADCASTING)

HIGH SCHOOL
ATLANTIC CITY HS, ATLANTIC CITY, NJ

BIRTHDATE
7-14-72

BIRTHPLACE
ATLANTIC CITY, NJ

WHEN DRAFTED
SECOND ROUND (30TH OVERALL) DETROIT, 1995

HOW ACQUIRED
COLLEGE DRAFT

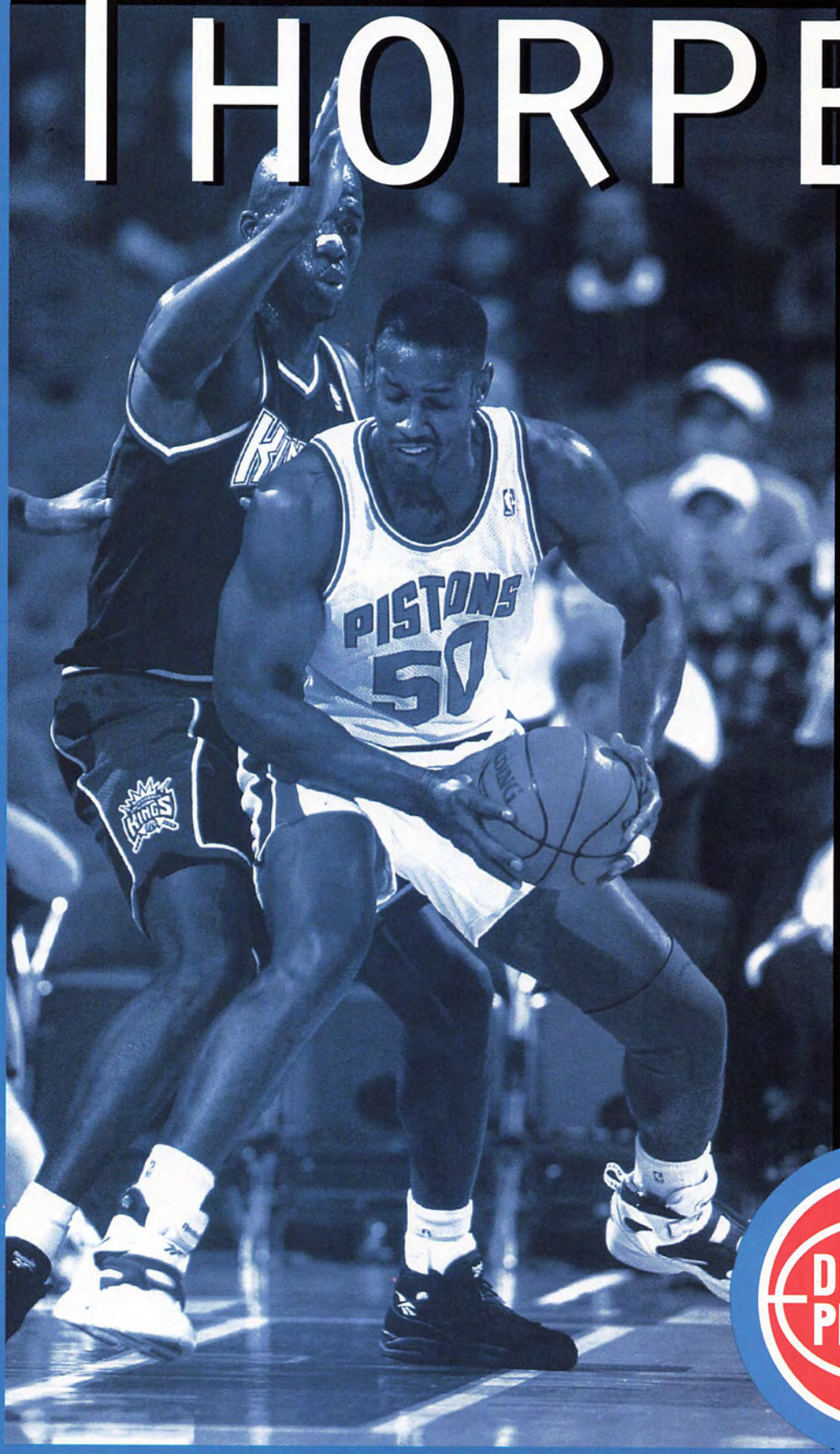
PRO EXPERIENCE
ROOKIE

MARITAL STATUS
SINGLE

RESIDENCE
ATLANTIC CITY, NJ

Otis THORPE

FORWARD



DETROIT PISTONS

- Finished fourth in the NBA in field goal percentage in 1994-95, shooting .565 (385-681) from the field for the Houston Rockets and Portland Trail Blazers.
- Played 70 games during the regular season, averaging 13.4 points and 8.0 rebounds.
- Currently stands ninth among the NBA's all-time leading field goal shooters at .555 (5,283-9,515), a number which also places him fourth on the active field goal list.
- Has ranked among the league's top 10 field goal shooters in eight of his 11 NBA seasons, including the last six straight.
- Reached the 10,000-point plateau on 1/30/92 versus Chicago.
- Scored his career high of 40 points for the Rockets versus Charlotte on 12/7/93.
- Grabbed a career high 26 rebounds on 2/15/90 versus New York.
- Played in the 1992 NBA All-Star game, scoring two points in four minutes at Orlando.
- Has seven playoff appearances totalling 52 games in his 11-year career, in which he has averaged 12.9 points and 8.3 rebounds per game.
- Consensus All-Big East selection and honorable mention All-American during senior season.
- Finished career as Big East's career leader in rebounds (902) and was second in scoring, trailing Chris Mullin of St. John's.

50 detroit pistons

HEIGHT
6-10

WEIGHT
246

COLLEGE
PROVIDENCE '84
(SOCIAL STUDIES)

HIGH SCHOOL
LAKE WORTH HS,
LAKE WORTH, FL

BIRTHDATE
8-5-62

BIRTHPLACE
BOYNTON BEACH, FL

WHEN DRAFTED
FIRST ROUND
(9TH OVERALL) KANSAS
CITY, 1984

HOW ACQUIRED
FROM PORTLAND, IN
EXCHANGE FOR BILL
CURLEY AND RANDOLPH
CHILDRESS, 9-20-95

PRO EXPERIENCE
12 YEARS

MARITAL STATUS
SINGLE

RESIDENCE
HOUSTON, TX

Mark WEST

CENTER

DETROIT PISTONS

- Had his streak as the NBA's second leading active ironman come to an end after he tore ligaments in his left knee on Dec. 14, 1994.
- Averaged 7.5 points and 6.1 rebounds per game in 1994-95, his highest single season averages in the past four seasons.
- Finished the season as Detroit's top field goal shooter at .556 (217-390).
- Concluded the year as the NBA's 18th leading shotblocker at 1.52 per game.
- Scored a season-high 19 points versus Golden State on Nov. 27.
- Grabbed a season-high 17 rebounds versus Charlotte on Dec. 14, the night he injured his knee.
- Enters the 1995-96 season as the NBA's leading active field goal shooter at .589 (2,330-3,958), a number which also places him second on the NBA's all-time field goal shooters list behind Artis Gilmore who shot .599 in his NBA career.
- Has 1,281 career blocked shots.
- Has shot better than 54 percent from the field in every season he has played in the NBA with the exception of his rookie year.
- Completed his college career at Old Dominion as college basketball's third all-time leading shot blocker (446) behind Ralph Sampson and Tree Rollins.
- Led the nation in blocked shots as a sophomore in 1980-81 (4.0) and as a junior 1981-82 (4.1).

41 detroit pistons

HEIGHT
6-10

WEIGHT
246

COLLEGE
OLD DOMINION '83 (FINANCE)

HIGH SCHOOL
PETERSBURG HS, PETERSBURG, VA

BIRTHDATE
11-5-60

BIRTHPLACE
FT. CAMPBELL, KY

WHEN DRAFTED
SECOND ROUND (30TH OVERALL) DALLAS, 1983

HOW ACQUIRED
FROM PHOENIX, IN EXCHANGE FOR A 1996 SECOND ROUND DRAFT CHOICE, 8-1-94

PRO EXPERIENCE
12 YEARS

MARITAL STATUS
MARRIED (ELAINA)

CHILDREN
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Detroit Pistons Final 1994-95 Regular Season Statistics

PLAYER	G	GS	MIN	FIELD GOALS FG	FGA	PCT	3-PT. FG FG	FGA	PCT	FREE THROWS FT	FTA	PCT	REBOUNDS OFF	DEF	TOT	AST	PF	DQ	STL	TO	BLK	PTS	AVG
Hill	70	69	2678	508	1064	.477	4	27	.148	374	511	.732	125	320	445	203	1	124	124	202	62	1394	19.9
Dumars	67	67	2544	417	970	.430	103	338	.305	277	344	.805	47	111	158	368	153	0	72	219	7	1214	18.1
Mills	72	69	2514	417	933	.447	109	285	.382	175	219	.799	124	434	558	160	253	5	68	144	33	1118	15.5
Houston	76	39	1996	398	859	.463	158	373	.424	147	171	.860	29	138	167	164	182	0	61	113	14	1101	14.5
Miller	64	22	1558	232	418	.555	3	13	.231	78	124	.629	162	313	475	93	217	1	60	115	116	545	8.5
Addison	79	16	1776	279	586	.476	24	83	.289	74	99	.747	67	175	242	109	236	2	53	76	25	656	8.3
Hunter	42	26	944	119	318	.374	36	108	.333	40	55	.727	24	51	75	159	94	1	51	79	7	314	7.5
West	67	58	1543	217	390	.556	0	0	-	66	138	.478	160	248	408	18	247	8	27	85	102	500	7.5
Dawkins	50	9	1170	125	270	.463	25	73	.342	50	55	.909	28	85	113	205	74	1	52	86	1	325	6.5
Macon	55	6	721	101	265	.381	20	62	.323	54	68	.797	29	47	76	63	97	1	67	41	1	276	5.0
Knight(TOT)	47	17	708	85	214	.397	11	28	.393	18	25	.720	21	40	61	127	70	0	21	49	5	199	4.2
Knight(DET)	44	17	665	78	199	.392	11	28	.393	14	21	.667	20	38	58	116	65	0	20	45	5	181	4.1
Leckner	57	11	623	87	165	.527	0	2	.000	51	72	.708	47	127	174	14	122	1	15	39	15	225	3.9
Curley	53	1	595	58	134	.433	0	0	-	27	36	.750	54	70	124	25	128	3	21	25	21	143	2.7
Bond	5	0	51	3	12	.250	1	4	.250	3	4	.750	1	4	5	7	10	0	1	3	0	10	2.0
Peplowski	6	0	21	5	5	1.000	0	0	-	1	2	.500	1	2	3	1	10	0	1	2	0	11	1.8
Newbill	34	0	331	16	45	.356	0	0	-	8	22	.364	40	41	81	17	60	0	12	12	11	40	1.2
PISTONS	**82**		**19730**	**3060**	**6633**	**.461**	**494**	**1396**	**.354**	**1439**	**1941**	**.741**	**958**	**2204**	**3162**	**1872**	**2151**	**24**	**705**	**1318**	**420**	**8053**	**98.2**
OPPONENTS	**82**		**19730**	**3120**	**6558**	**.476**	**448**	**1235**	**.363**	**1963**	**2720**	**.722**	**1147**	**2432**	**3579**	**2013**	**1746**	**9**	**693**	**1286**	**439**	**8651**	**105.5**

PLAYER	SEASON HIGH MIN	REB	AST	ST	TO	BL	PTS	PER GAME AVERAGES MIN	REB	AST	STL	TO	BLK	PTS	CAREER HIGHS FG	FGA	FT	FTA	REB	AST	PTS
Hill	47	16	11	6	8	3	33	38.3	6.4	5.0	1.77	2.9	0.89	19.9	13c	27c	16c	18c	16c	11c	33c
Dumars	46	6	15	5	8	1	43	38.0	2.4	5.5	1.07	3.3	0.10	18.1	19	33	18	19	10	15c	45
Mills	48	17	7	3	6	3	37	34.9	7.8	2.2	0.94	2.0	0.46	15.5	16	28	11	13	19	7c	41
Houston	47	7	8	4	6	2	36	26.3	2.2	2.2	0.80	1.5	0.18	14.5	15c	30c	9c	10c	7†	8c	36c
Miller	43	19	5	4	6	6	21	24.3	7.4	1.5	0.94	1.8	1.81	8.5	12	16	8	8	19c	11	32
Addison	47	11	8	4	5	3	25	22.5	3.1	1.4	0.67	1.0	0.32	8.3	10	20c	7	8	11†	8c	25c
Hunter	42	5	9	4	5	1	24	22.5	1.8	3.8	1.21	1.9	0.17	7.5	12	26	9	10	7	15	29
West	40	17	2	2	5	5	19	23.0	6.1	0.3	0.40	1.3	1.52	7.5	11	17	12	14	24	5	27
Dawkins	42	6	12	4	5	1	17	23.4	2.3	4.1	1.04	1.7	0.02	6.6	13	25	14	8	15	30	30
Macon	27	6	4	5	3	1	17	13.1	1.4	1.1	1.22	0.7	0.02	5.0	10	19†	9c	14	10	9	23
Knight(TOT)	36	5	10	3	3	1	15	15.1	1.3	2.7	0.45	1.0	0.11	4.2	12	25	11	15	8	19	27
Knight(DET)	36	5	10	3	3	1	15	15.1	1.3	2.6	0.45	1.0	0.11	4.1							
Leckner	30	10	2	2	5	2	16	10.9	3.1	0.2	0.26	0.7	0.26	3.9	8†	15	7†	10	17	6	21
Curley	32	10	3	2	2	3	15	11.2	2.3	0.5	0.40	0.5	0.40	2.7	6c	11c	4c	4c	10c	3c	15c
Bond	17	2	3	1	2	0	5	10.2	1.0	1.4	0.20	0.6	0.00	2.0	9	18	9	11	8	5	25
Peplowski	9	3	1	1	2	0	5	3.5	0.5	0.2	0.17	0.3	0.00	1.8	7	13	4	6	11	3	14
Newbill	23	7	3	2	2	3	6	9.7	2.4	0.5	0.35	0.4	0.32	1.2	3c	4c	3c	6c	7c	3c	6c
PISTONS	**265**	**55**	**87**	**18**	**29**	**12**	**126**	**240.6**	**88.6**	**22.8**	**8.60**	**16.1**	**5.12**	**98.2**	**74**	**136**	**48**	**60**	**70**	**47**	**186**
OPPONENTS	**265**	**62**	**89**	**19**	**28**	**13**	**134**	**240.6**	**48.6**	**24.5**	**8.45**	**15.7**	**5.35**	**105.5**	**68**	**119**	**47**	**57**	**68**	**47**	**84**

C = Set career high in '94-'95 † = tied career high in '94-'95

1994-95 Detroit Pistons Season Highs and Lows

INDIVIDUAL HIGHS

Minutes Played (season)	2,678 Grant Hill
Minutes Played (Game)	48 Terry Mills @ Philadelphia (12/17)
Points (Season)	1,394 Grant Hill
Points (Game)	43 Joe Dumars vs. Washington (2/7)
Points (Half)	34 Joe Dumars vs. Washington (4/7)
FGM	17 Joe Dumars @ Orlando (4/5)
FGA	30 Allan Houston vs. Denver (3/10)
3-point FGM	10 Joe Dumars vs. Minnesota (11/8)*
3-point FGA	18 Joe Dumars vs. Minnesota (11/8)
FTM	16 Grant Hill @ LA Clippers (3/15)
FTA	18 Grant Hill @ LA Clippers (3/15)
Offensive Rebs	8 Grant Hill vs. Boston (3/25)
Defensive Rebs	13 Oliver Miller @ Atlanta (3/3)
Total Rebs	19 Oliver Miller
Assists	15 Joe Dumars
Steals	6 Grant Hill
Turnovers	8 Grant Hill
	8 Joe Dumars
Blocks	6 Oliver Miller

TEAM HIGHS AND LOWS

Win Streak	3 games (11/5-10)
Loss Streak	8 games (12/21-1/8)
Points	Game (High and Low)
	High: 126 pts. vs. Minnesota (11/8)
	Low: 75 pts. at Miami (2/1)
FGM	49 @ Orlando (4/5)
FGA	97 @ Boston (11/30)
FG%	.667 (46-69) vs. Minnesota
FTM	31 @ Seattle (3/18)
FT%	.923 (12-13) @ Cleveland (12/10)
3-point FGM	14 vs. Minnesota (11/8)
	14 @ Orlando (4/5)
3-point FGA	28 @ Denver (3/10)
Off Rebs	20 vs. Orlando (1/8)
	20 @ Charlotte (2/18)
Def. Rebs	39 vs. Charlotte (4/14)
Total Rebs	55 vs. Golden State (11/27)
Assists	37 @ Philadelphia (1/16)
Personal Fouls	37 @ Utah (11/18)
Steals	18 @ Washington (3/8)
Turnovers	29 vs. Minnesota (11/8)
Blocks	12 @ Dallas (3/4)

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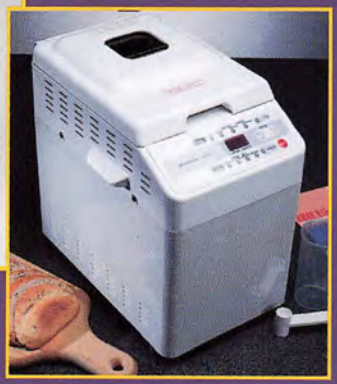

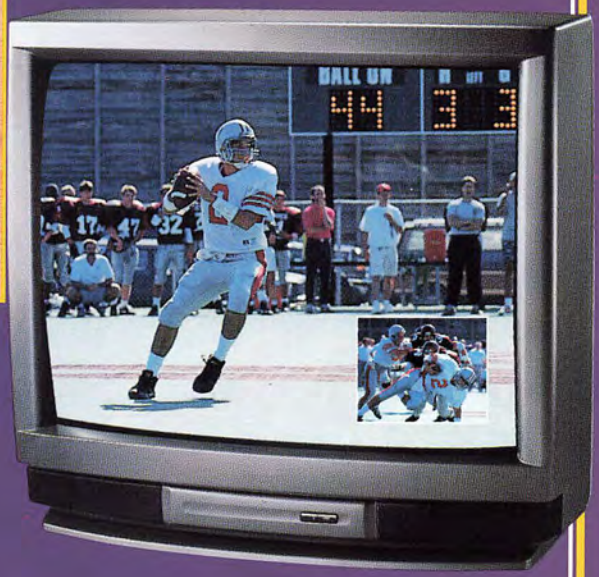

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Detroit Pistons All-Time Individual Career Leaders

(Includes records of players who performed both in Fort Wayne and Detroit — regular season games only)

POINTS		GAMES	PTS.	AVG.
1	Isiah Thomas (twelve seasons)	979	18,822	19.2
2.	Bob Lanier (ten seasons)	681	15,488	22.7
3.	Dave Bing (nine seasons)	675	15,235	22.6
4.	Joe Dumars (ten seasons)	762	13,079	17.2
5.	Bill Laimbeer (twelve seasons)	937	12,664	13.5
6.	Vinnie Johnson (ten seasons)	798	10,146	12.7
7.	John Long (ten seasons)	608	9,023	14.8
8.	Bailey Howell (five seasons)	387	8,182	21.1
9.	Gene Shue (six seasons)	440	8,034	18.2
10.	Kelly Tripucka (five seasons)	352	7,597	21.6

SCORING AVERAGES (Minimum 100 Games)

1.	Bob Lanier(681games)	22.7
2.	Dave Bing (675 games)	22.6
3.	Kelly Tripucka (352 games)	21.6
4.	Bailey Howell (387 games)	21.1
5.	Adrian Dantley (192 games)	20.3
6.	Isiah Thomas (979 games)	19.2
7.	George Yardley (384 games)	19.1
8.	Gene Shue (440 games)	18.2
9.	Happy Hairston (122 games)	17.3
10.	Joe Dumars (762 games)	17.2

FIELD GOALS MADE

1.	Isiah Thomas	7,194
2.	Bob Lanier	6,276
3.	Dave Bing	5,772
4.	Bill Laimbeer	5,071
5.	Joe Dumars	4,881
6.	Vinnie Johnson	4,202
7.	John Long	3,851
8.	Eddie Miles	3,019
9.	Gene Shue	2,940
10.	Bailey Howell	2,905

FREE THROWS MADE

1.	Isiah Thomas	4,036
2.	Dave Bing	3,691
3.	Bob Lanier	2,936
4.	Joe Dumars	2,861
5.	Bailey Howell	2,372
6.	George Yardley	2,237
7.	Bill Laimbeer	2,230
8.	Gene Shue	2,154
9.	Kelly Tripucka	1,948
10.	Vinnie Johnson	1,669

GAMES

1.	Isiah Thomas	979
2.	Bill Laimbeer	937
3.	Vinnie Johnson	798
4.	Joe Dumars	762
5.	Bob Lanier	681
6.	Dave Bing	675
7.	John Long	583
8.	Terry Tyler	574
9.	Eddie Miles	497
10.	Chris Ford	485

FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED

1.	Isiah Thomas	15,904
2.	Dave Bing	13,119
3.	Bob Lanier	12,347
4.	Joe Dumars	10,412
5.	Bill Laimbeer	10,275
6.	Vinnie Johnson	9,094
7.	John Long	8,060
8.	Gene Shue	7,294
9.	Eddie Miles	6,804
10.	Dave DeBusschere	6,553

FREE THROWS ATTEMPTED

1.	Isiah Thomas	5,316
2.	Dave Bing	4,789
3.	Bob Lanier	3,797
4	Joe Dumars	3,391
5.	Bailey Howell	3,063
6.	George Yardley	2,873
7.	Bill Laimbeer	2,621
8.	Gene Shue	2,595
9.	Kelly Tripucka	2,340
10.	Ray Scott	2,256

STEALS

1.	Isiah Thomas	1,861
2.	Chris Ford	785
3.	Joe Dumars	735
4.	Vinnie Johnson	708
5.	John Long	649
6.	Bill Laimbeer	632
7.	Terry Tyler	615
8.	M.L. Carr	509
9.	Bob Lanier	504
10.	Eric Money	437

BLOCKED SHOTS

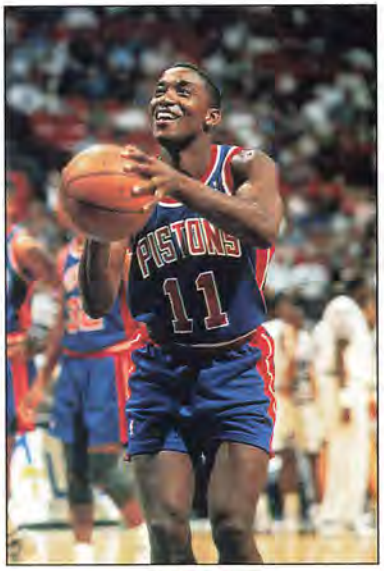
1.	Terry Tyler	1,070
2.	Bob Lanier	859
3.	Bill Laimbeer	830
4.	John Salley	709
5.	Dennis Rodman	399
6.	Kent Benson	331
7.	Isiah Thomas	249
B.	Leon Douglas	246
9.	Rick Mahorn	219
10.	Vinnie Johnson	213

REBOUNDS

1.	Bill Laimbeer	9,430
2.	Bob Lanier	8,063
3.	Dennis Rodman	6,299
4.	Walter Dukes	4,986
5.	Dave DeBusschere	4,947
6.	Bailey Howell	4,583
7.	Roy Scott	4,508
8.	Terry Tyler	3,583
9.	Isiah Thomas	3,478
10.	Curtis Rowe	3,256

ASSISTS

1.	Isiah Thomas	9,061
2.	Dave Bing	4,330
3.	Joe Dumars	3,672
4.	Vinnie Johnson	2,661
5.	Bob Lanier	2,256
6.	Gene Shue	1,931
7.	Bill Laimbeer	1,923
8.	Kevin Porter	1,920
9.	Chris Ford	1,698
10.	Jimmy Walker	1,278



Isiah Thomas

All-Time Detroit Individual Records

INDIVIDUAL-ONE SEASON

Most Points	2,213	Dave Bing	1970-71
Highest Scoring Average	27.8	George Yardley	1957-58
Field Goals	836	Dave Bing	1967-68
Field Goals Attempted	1,903	Dave Bing	1967-68
Field Goal Percentage	.595	Dennis Rodman	1988-89
Free Throws	655	George Yardley	1957-58
Free Throws Attempted	808	George Yardley	1957-58
Free Throw Percentage	.900	Joe Dumars	1989-90
Most Rebounds	1,530	Dennis Rodman	1991-92
Offensive Rebounds	523	Dennis Rodman	1991-92
Defensive Rebounds	1,007	Dennis Rodman	1991-92
Assists	1,123	Isiah Thomas	1984-85
Personal Fouls	344	Joe Strawder	1966-67
Disqualifications	22	Walter Dukes	1958-59
Steals	204	Isiah Thomas	1983-84
Most Turnovers	343	Isiah Thomas	1986-87
Blocked Shots	247	Bob Lanier	1973-74
3-Point Field Goals	158	Allan Houston	1994-95
3-Point Field Goals Attempted	373	Allan Houston	1994-95

INDIVIDUAL-ONE GAME OR PORTION-MOST POINTS

Game	56	Kelly Tripucka vs. Chicago	Jan. 29, 1983
Half (1st)	28	Kelly Tripucka vs. Chicago	Jan. 29, 1983
		Kelly Tripucka vs. Golden State	Mar. 12, 1982
Half (2nd)	37	Dave Bing vs. Boston	Apr. 11, 1968
Quarter (1st)	20	Kelly Tripucka vs. Kansas City	Nov. 12, 1983
Quarter (2nd)	23	Joe Dumars vs. Golden State	Jan. 19, 1990
Quarter (3rd)	24	Isiah Thomas vs. Cleveland	Feb. 26, 1984
		Joe Dumars @ Cleveland	Apr. 12, 1989
Quarter (4th)	24	Isiah Thomas vs. Atlanta	Mar. 12, 1983
		Isiah Thomas @ Philadelphia	Mar. 11, 1971

MOST FIELD GOALS

Game	22	Dave Bing vs. Chicago	Feb. 21, 1971
Half	14	Terry Dischinger vs. St. Louis @ Philadelphia	Nov. 14, 1967
Quarter	11	Isiah Thomas vs. Cleveland (3rd Q)	Feb. 26, 1984

MOST FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED

Game	41	Bob Lanier vs. Milwaukee	Dec. 25, 1971
Half	24	Bob Lanier vs. Milwaukee (1st H)	Dec. 25, 1971
Quarter	15	George Yardley vs. New York @ Olympia (4th Q)	Jan. 3, 1959

MOST FREE THROWS

George Yardley vs. St. Louis	Dec. 26, 1957
Walter Dukes vs. Los Angeles	Jan. 19, 1969
Kelly Tripucka vs. Chicago	Jan. 29, 1983
Adrian Dantley vs. Sacramento (2nd H)	Dec. 10, 1986
Adrian Dantley vs. Sacramento (4th Q)	Dec. 10, 1986

MOST FREE THROWS ATTEMPTED

Game	24	George Yardley St. Louis	Dec. 26, 1957
		Walter Dukes Los Angeles	Jan. 19, 1969
		Bob Lanier vs. New Jersey (2nd H)	Jan. 13, 1978
Half	21	Isiah Thomas vs. Chicago (2nd H)	Oct. 26, 1985
		George Yardley vs. Minneapolis @ Olympia (3rd Q)	Dec. 25, 1957
		Adrian Dantley vs. Sacramento	Dec. 10, 1986

MOST TOTAL REBOUNDS

Game	34	Dennis Rodman vs. Indiana	Mar. 4, 1992
Half	16	Bailey Howell vs. Los Angeles @ Olympia (1st H)	Nov. 25, 1960
Quarter	14	Roy Scott vs Philadelphia (1st Q)	Dec. 20, 1961

MOST OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS

Game	18	Dennis Rodman vs. Indiana (OT)	Mar. 4, 1992
Half	8	Dennis Rodman vs. Indiana (2nd H)	Mar. 4, 1992
Quarter	6	Willie Norwood vs. Los Angeles (2nd Q)	Dec. 12, 1973
		Lindsay Hairston vs. Golden State (4th Q)	Dec. 17, 1975
		Earl Cureton vs. New York (4th Q)	Feb. 22, 1984
		Dennis Rodman vs. Indiana (4th Q)	Mar. 4, 1992

MOST DEFENSIVE REBOUNDS

Game	22	Dennis Rodman @ Sacramento	Mar. 14, 1992
Half	16	Bill Laimbeer @ Dallas (2nd H)	Nov. 15, 1988
Quarter	9	Bill Laimbeer vs. Chicago (3rd Q)	Apr. 6, 1989

MOST ASSISTS

Game	25	Kevin Porter vs. Boston	Mar. 9, 1979
		Kevin Porter vs. Phoenix	Apr. 1, 1979
		Isiah Thomas vs. Dallas	Feb. 13, 1985
Half	16	Isiah Thomas vs.Dallas (1st H)	Feb. 13, 1985
Quarter	11	Isiah Thomas vs. Golden State (1st Q)	Jan. 24, 1985
		Isiah Thomas vs.Cleveland (1st Q)	Nov. 24, 1989

MOST PERSONAL FOULS

Half	6	Terry Dischinger @ Philadelphia	Dec. 12, 1969
Quarter	6	Roger Brown vs. Golden State	Mar. 25, 1977
		Paul Mokeski vs.Cleveland	Jan. 24, 1981
		Joe Dumars vs. Atlanta	Feb. 28, 1986

MOST TURNOVERS

Game	12	Kevin Porter @ Philadelphia	Feb. 7, 1979
Half	8	Isiah Thomas vs. Indiana (2nd H)	Apr. 10, 1985

MOST STEALS

Game	9	Earl Tatum vs. Los Angeles	Nov. 28, 1978
		Ron Lee vs. Houston	Mar. 16, 1980
Half	6	Chris Ford @ Chicago (2nd H)	Mar. 26, 1976
		Isiah Thomas vs. Washington (1st H)	Nov. 25, 1983
Quarter	5	Chris Ford vs. Golden State	Mar. 25, 1977
		Ron Lee vs. Washington (3rd Q)	Nov. 19, 1981
		John Long vs. Indiana (1st Q)	Dec. 3, 1983

MOST BLOCKED SHOTS

Game	10	Edgar Jones vs .Indiana	Dec. 17, 1981
Half	7	Edgar Jones vs.Indiana(2nd H)	Dec. 17, 1981
		Terry Tyler vs. Chicago (1st H)	Nov. 3, 1982
Quarter	5	Terry Tyler vs.Chicago(1st Q)	Nov. 10, 1978
		Terry Tyler vs. Seattle (4th Q)	Feb. 7, 1980
		Terry Tyler vs. Philadelphia (3rd Q)	Feb. 15, 1980
		John Salley vs. Orlando (2nd Q)	Feb. 21, 1990

MOST THREE POINT FIELD GOALS

Game	10*	Joe Dumars vs. Minnesota	Nov. 8, 1994
Half	7*	Allan Houston @ Chicago	Feb. 17, 1995
		Joe Dumars vs. Orlando	Apr. 5, 1995
Quarter	5	Marcus Liberty @ Philadelphia (2nd Q)	Apr. 24, 1994

MOST THREE POINT FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED

Game	18	Joe Dumars vs. Minnesota	Nov. 8, 1994
Half	11	Allan Houston @ Chicago (2nd H)	Feb. 17, 1995
Quarter	6	Joe Dumars vs. New York (3rd Q)	Feb. 26, 1993
		Joe Dumars vs. Chicago (1st Q)	Jan. 24, 1994
		Isiah Thomas vs. New York (4th Q)	Jan. 13, 1994
		Marcus Liberty @ Philadelphia (2nd Q)	Apr. 24, 1994

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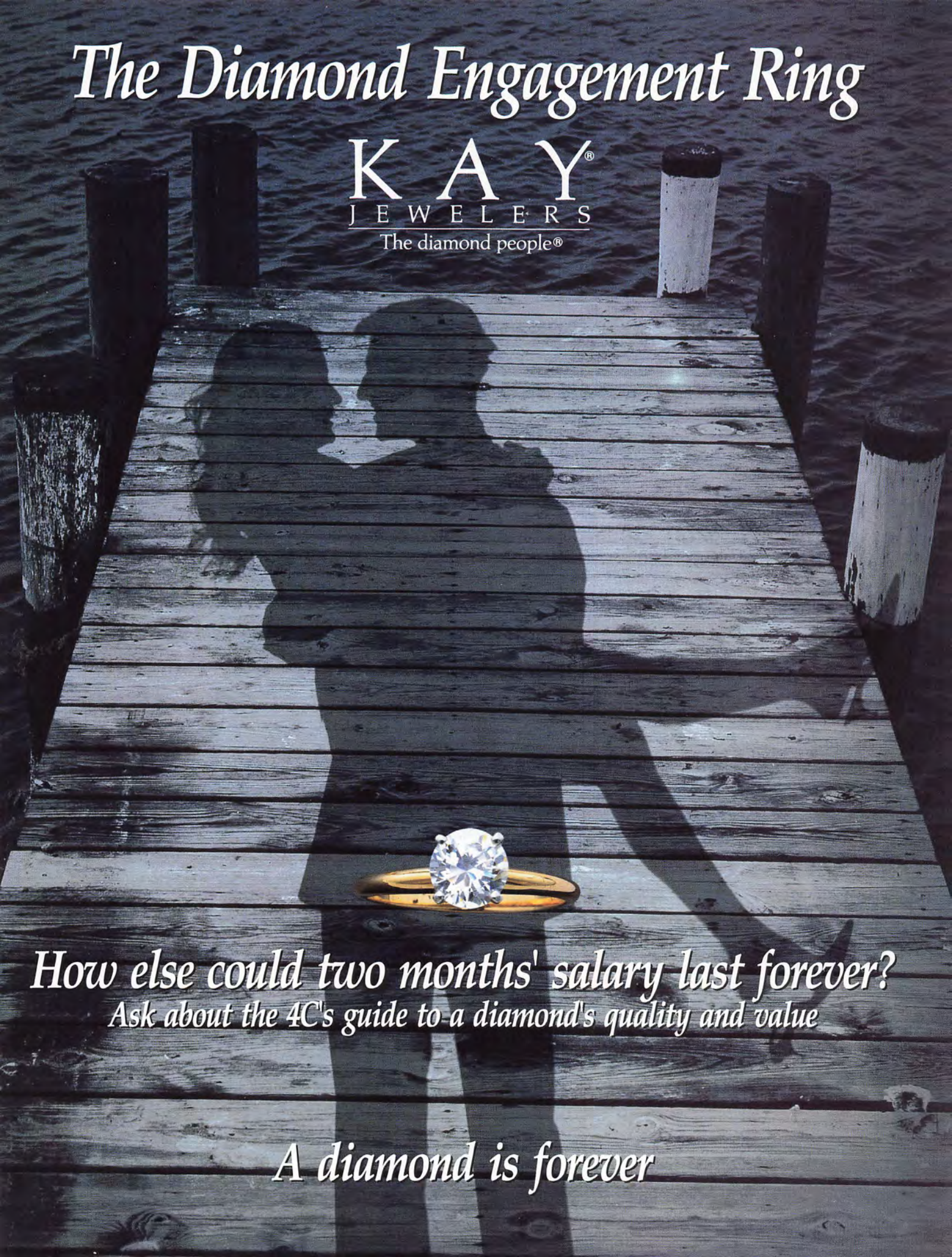
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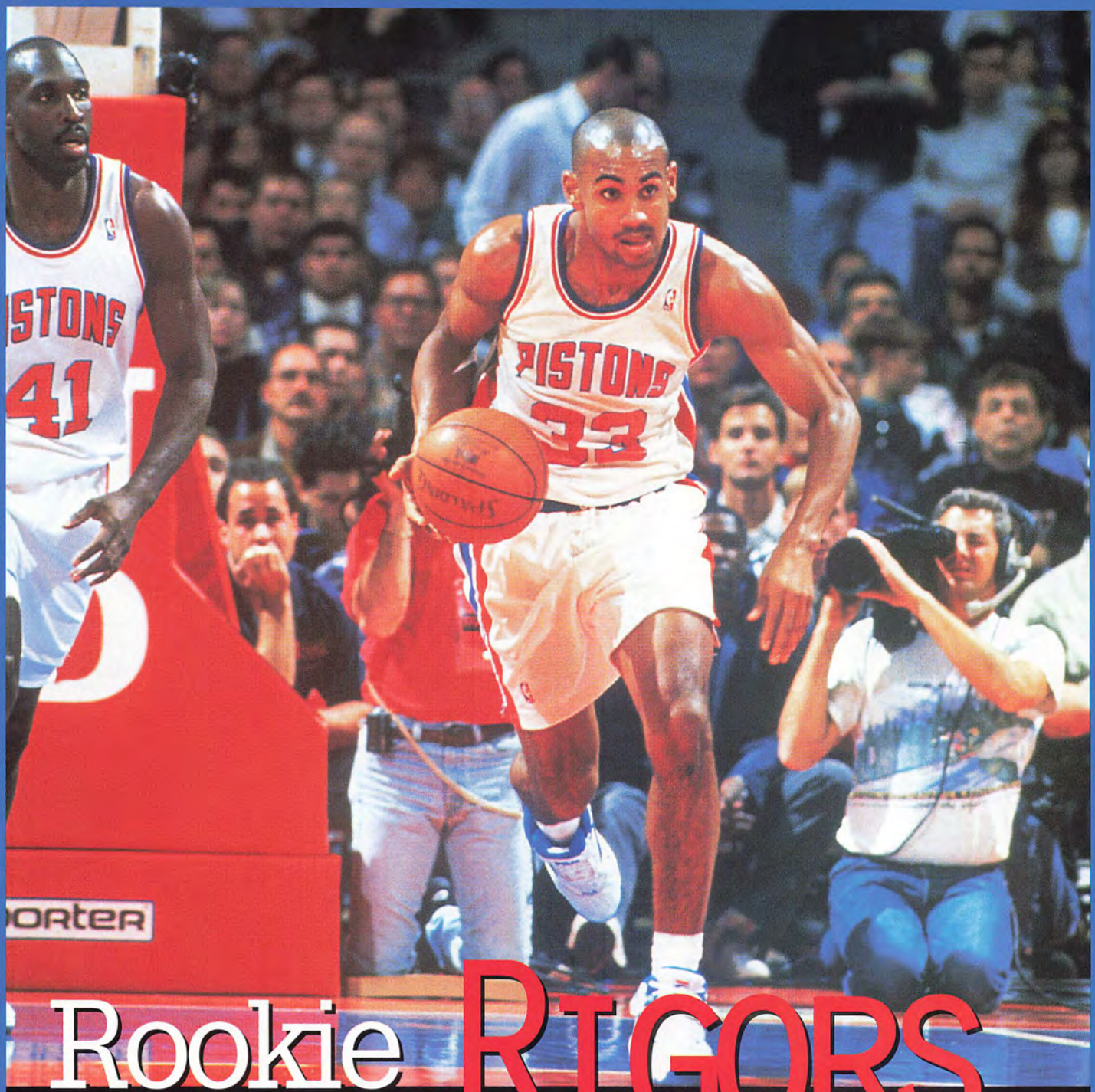


Rookie RIGORS

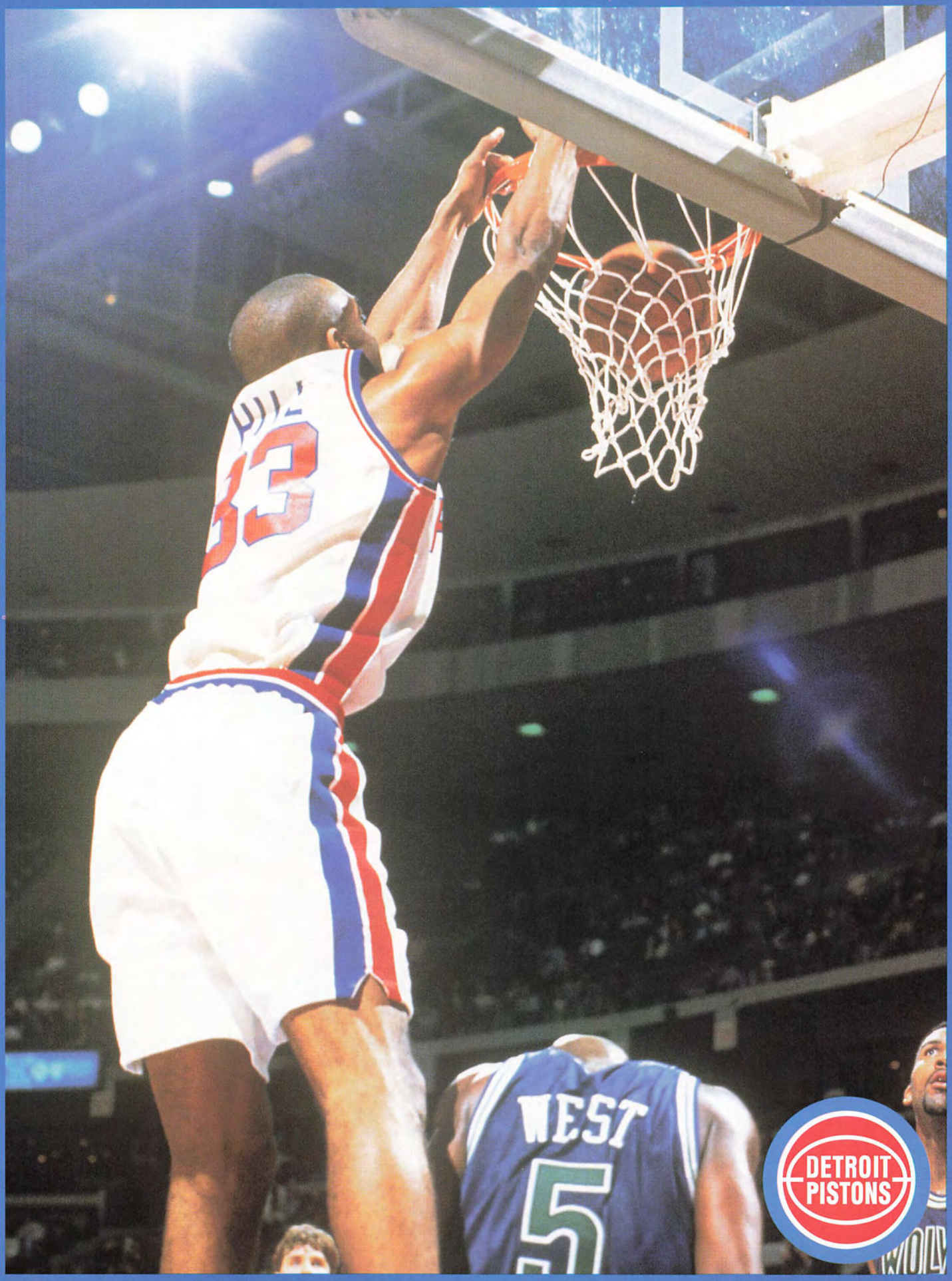
by Bill Halls

Grant Hill caught a glimpse of what he was in for when teammate Joe Dumars gave him that "he doesn't know" look following that highlight clip alley oop slam dunk early last season.

It was truly a memorable play. Hill, flying through the air, grabbed a slightly errant lob pass with his left hand, made a mid-air adjustment, and slammed the ball home.

"I was so high," recalled Hill. "That alley oop play got me going. I looked over at Joe and he had this look, as if to say, "He doesn't know."

Despite incredible expectations, excruciating pressure, and all the hype the NBA's potent marketing department could muster, Hill lived up to rookie expectations. He led fan balloting with nearly 1.3 million votes for a starting job at the All-Star game - the most votes ever cast for a rookie - and scored 10 points. He averaged 19.9 points to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finish 20th among NBA scorers, and was voted co-rookie-of-the-year along with Jason Kidd of the Dallas Mavericks. Nevertheless, Hill never forgot the expressions on Dumars' face after the famous slam dunk.

"I remember I was a little nervous and really excited about my first game," said Hill. "I was really tired after the first minute, too. But it was what I had worked for. Playing in the NBA was a dream come true."

All the accolades, endorsement contracts, the appearances on David Letterman's show, and the realization that he was good enough to play basketball with the best players in the world...all of these were things to enjoy and cherish. But that haunting Dumars' expression was a serious reminder of the day-to-day grind that is the reality of professional basketball. It's a long, long season.

"The All-Star vote was surprising," recalled Hill. "But I was more surprised about the length of the season than the amount of votes I got."

Hill hit the rookie wall around January when he strained the plantar fascia, the protective sheath on the underside of his left foot. He missed 12 games, regained his wind, and began to play a more consistent brand of basketball.

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Hill scored a career high of 33 points against Boston on March 23. He managed a career high 16 rebounds in the same game. He would score 33 points on two other occasions and post his first triple-double on April 7 with 23 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists against the Orlando Magic.

Hill's 1,394 points placed him high on the list of former Pistons rookies. Only Dave Bing, who scored 1,601 points as the team's only other Rookie-of-the-Year in 1966-67, and Kelly Tripucka (1,772) in 1981-82 had more successful rookie seasons.

Success in any endeavor is based on character. Handling success requires not only strength of character but a well-balanced ego laced with a proper amount of modesty. Hill can thank his parents, Calvin and Janet Hill, for arming him with these qualities along with a pleasant personality and a handy sense of humor. If Hill needs an occasional reminder, Dumars is there to provide it.

Calvin Hill is a Yale graduate and later played professional football for the Dallas Cowboys, Washington Redskins and Cleveland Browns. His wife, Janet, is a Wellesley graduate and works for a prominent consulting firm in Washington, D.C. Grant is their only child. He grew up in an upper middle class environment in the pleasant Virginia suburbs. In college, he helped lead Duke to a pair of NCAA championships. Millions of Americans watched Christian Laettner make that memorable last-second jumper which eliminated a powerful Kentucky team from the NCAA regionals in 1992. Few recall that Hill threw the pass which led to the basket.

Although his individual skills are exceptional, it's Hill's sense of team that will eventually lead the Pistons back to the playoffs. Mike Krzyzewski, Hill's coach at Duke, said Grant was the finest player he has ever coached.

"He wants to be the best but he doesn't want to separate himself from the team," Krzyzewski told an interviewer last year.

Any flamboyance Hill provides in a game is more the result of his remarkable athleticism than any overt desire to impress anyone. He roundly despised frequent comparisons between himself and Michael Jordan, not only because he considers Jordan without peer, but also because he would prefer to make his own mark. If Grant Hill had a calling card it would probably read "subdued elegance." Perhaps that is why slick nicknames haven't stuck. He prefers "G", a childhood moniker. He might even allow "G-Man" down the road but only after he's proven to NBA peers and fans that he is not a flash in the pan.

Hill has the perfect basketball build. He's tall at 6-8, somewhat wiry, and very fast. As Dumars frequently points out, Hill "explodes to the basket."

But Hill's game is very unselfish, always adhering to Krzyzewski's team concept. He doesn't engage in trash talking. There is no arrogance to his style. He shuns cheap shots and dirty play.

That's why he was the first rookie in NBA history to lead the fan balloting for the All-Star Game. Americans have always worshipped and admired star athletes. When an athlete of Hill's caliber, who also happens to be a caring, honest person, comes along, the response is overwhelming. That's why 1,289,585 fans voted for Hill to lead the All-Star Game balloting.

Hill had a chance to play a little basketball with Jordan this summer, and he was pleased with the results. He also

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picked up a little intelligence on Doug Collins, the new Pistons coach.

"I walked away with renewed confidence," said Hill. "I stood in awe of Michael Jordan last season. But when I played with him in Los Angeles this summer, I took the approach that he's just another guy. It worked pretty well."

Hill didn't waste the opportunity to pick Jordan's brain about Collins, who coached "His Airness" for three seasons in Chicago six years ago.

"Mike told me that Collins was a perimeter player coach," Hill said. "He said Collins was tough, but he'll get the most out of your ability. That's good to know."

Part of Hill's summer was devoted to improving his jump shot, which was erratic last season. "I found that I was shooting the ball on the way down instead of at the top of my jump," he said. "I think that was the problem.

"Last year, I really didn't know what to expect," added Hill. "I was a scared, nervous rookie. This year, I want to show the NBA and my teammates that I'm ready to go. I'm really excited about this season. We've got a new attitude, a new coach and a lot of new players."

The future looks bright for Hill. If he has a secret goal, it might be to match the standards set by his personal heroes, the late Arthur Ashe, who won Wimbledon and the U.S. Open during a distinguished tennis career, and Julius Erving, the former NBA star who became the league's classic spokesman.

It's an old cliche, but Hill has only begun to scratch the surface of his talent. As his personal confidence rises, Hill's star status will rise. Hopefully, the Pistons will rise with him.

It still irks Hill that his rookie heroics didn't lift the Pistons into the NBA playoffs. The team won only eight more games (28-54) last season than it did the year before. Other NBA rookies such as Larry Bird and Magic Johnson made much greater impacts in their respective debuts. Certainly, Bird and Johnson provided the last piece to the championship puzzle for the Boston Celtics and Los Angeles Lakers. Hill did not show up on a team that had Robert Parish, Kevin McHale or Kareem Abdul-Jabbar already in the lineup.

Nevertheless, Hill will play this season with players who are more familiar with what it takes to be a champion. Dumars is the lone survivor of the Pistons' great championship teams, and Otis Thorpe played on a championship team in Houston two years ago. Younger players, such as Allan Houston, Terry Mills and Lindsey Hunter have the talent to establish a serious championship nucleus.

"There are only two things that matter," observed Hill late last season. "You've got to have fun playing ball. And you can't have fun unless you win."

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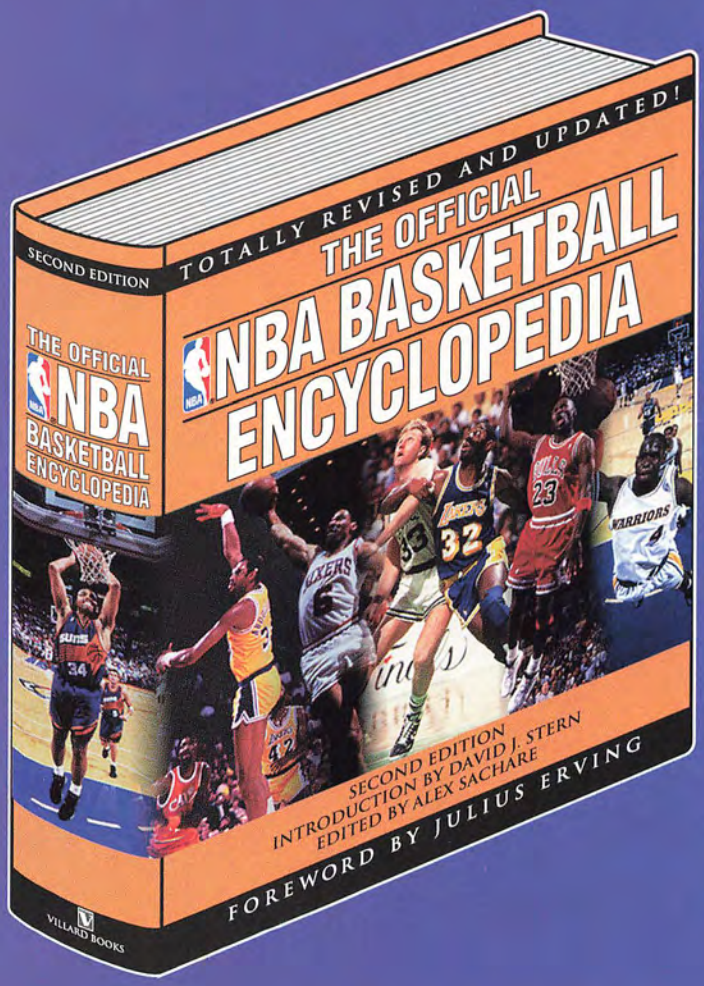

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The NBA continues its support of CARE, the National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse, and Special Olympics through television and radio public service announcements and other awareness-building efforts. The NBA also creates PSA's in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King and Black History Month each year.

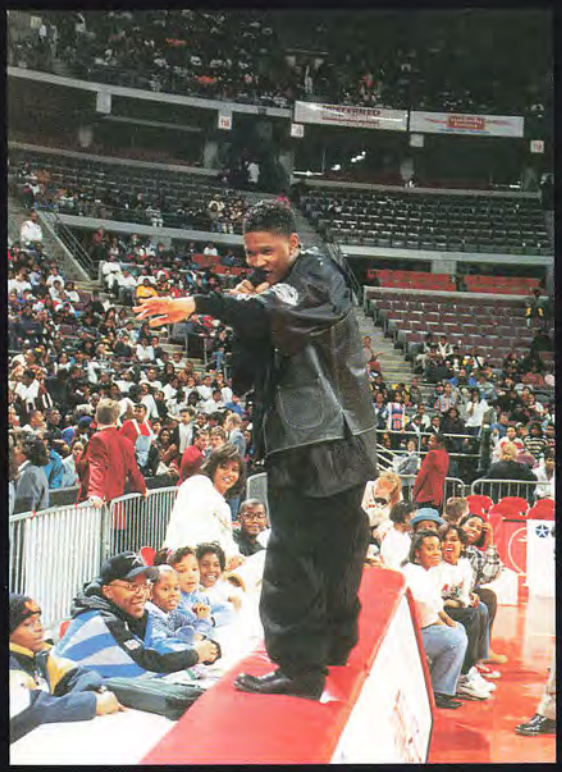
In addition, the NBA's 29 teams are making a difference, across the United States and Canada, through active involvement in a multitude of outreach efforts pertinent to the needs of their respective communities.

PISTONS ACHIEVERS

Pistons Achievers is a complimentary ticket program for middle schools, high schools and non-profit youth organizations in Michigan. It is sponsored by Pistons players and provides an exciting way for teachers and administrators to motivate and reward their students. The program is educationally-based and focuses on academic improvement, behavior modification, peer leadership, perfect attendance and student volunteerism. During the 1994-95 season, Allan Houston, Lindsey Hunter, Mark Macon, and Oliver Miller/Builders Square sponsored the program and made it possible for more than 5,000 students to attend Pistons home games at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

THE PISTONS-PALACE FOUNDATION

The Pistons-Palace Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the Detroit Pistons and the Palace of Auburn Hills. Its mission is to "improve the quality of life in the tri-county area." Grantmaking is the centerpiece of Foundation activities and focuses on the needs of youth, particularly those who are mentally, physically, or economically challenged. Grant awards range between $5,000 and $20,000 and are made in four areas: Athletics, Health & Fitness; Culture & Arts; Education; and Personal & Professional Development.



STAY IN SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Detroit Pistons brought popular R&B artists, XSCAPE, Usher and local talent Fabu to the Palace as part of the Stay In School Celebration this year. Over 16,500 students were rewarded for maintaining an attendance rate of 95% or better during a two month period. Approximately 10,000 students were from Detroit schools. Since 1989, the NBA Stay In School program has worked to decrease the high school drop-out rate by offering incentives to encourage students to excel in the three A's: attendance, achievement and attitude. Players Bill Curley, Grant Hill, Allan Houston, and Lindsey Hunter addressed students at the Palace.

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PEP SQUAD

The Pistons/Palace/Pine Knob Employee Program (PEP) Squad and the Pistons Women's Association sponsored a Holiday Basket Party this year. The Pistons celebrated the holidays with over 150 members of disadvantaged families in Wayne and Oakland counties. The families were invited to a holiday party at the Palace, which featured tours, a magic show, and the distribution of toys and food baskets.

PISTONS/PANASONIC SPEAKERS BUREAU

The Pistons/Panasonic Speakers Bureau, now in its fifth year, is composed of former college scholarship athletes who have taken advantage of their education. Each of the bureau's 22 members speak at schools, churches, youth homes, and recreation centers in Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties. The speakers motivate youth to succeed by emphasizing the importance of education, goal setting, and self-esteem. Each year, the Speakers Bureau makes over 600 presentations and reaches over 42,000 students.

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Twelve high school seniors received $1,000 scholarships to assist them in entering the college of their choice. A portion of these scholarships were targeted specifically for inner-city students.

CORPORATE ADOPTION PROGRAM

The Corporate Adoption Program is an incentive based program offered in conjunction with Michigan National Corporation. The program targets a select group of schools (identified by MNC) and uses Pistons tickets and memorabilia to reward students for their accomplishments in the following areas: academic achievement or improvement, attendance, leadership, and volunteerism.

HAP/PISTONS ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE CHALLENGE

This program stresses improved attendance, citizenship, and academic achievement. Students from Renaissance High School tutor students from Winship Middle School. This program is part of the Detroit Pistons Stay in School Initiative.

LINDSEY HUNTER ASSIST PROGRAM

Lindsey Hunter donated $5.00 for each assist he made during the regular season to the Detroit Compact scholarship fund. The Detroit Compact helps students in Detroit schools to prepare students for jobs and college. Thirty-three Detroit schools are involved in this program, which is backed by several community groups, State of Michigan businesses, and higher education partners.

OAKLAND COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The Pennies-A-Point Program involves pledges being made to the Oakland County Special Olympics. The program is based on the number of points Grant Hill scores during the regular season. Grant, Rafael Addison, Don Chaney and Brendan Malone also participated as team captains in the annual Superstar Competition.

PARK PROGRAM (PARTNERSHIP TO ADOPT AND RENOVATE PARKS FOR KIDS)

This program is the result of a shared vision between Pistons Managing Partner, Bill Davidson, and Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer, to help rebuild 33 parks within the city of Detroit over the next three years with the assistance of corporate sponsors, area businesses and community groups. Current and former players, along with other celebrities and members of the Speakers Bureau will help with park dedications, clinics and events, as well as public service announcements.

MADISON JUNIOR HIGH

The Detroit Pistons have "adopted" Madison Junior High School in an attempt to positively impact its students. Throughout the school year, students who demonstrated improvement or excellence in academics, behavior, and attendance were treated with tickets to Pistons games and other Palace events, visits by Speakers Bureau members, and a clinic conducted by Eric Leckner.

DETROIT PISTONS/WKBD/ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION BLACK HISTORY ESSAY CONTEST

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8	**PORTLAND**	**(Wed., 7:30)**
10	**CLEVELAND**	**(Fri., 7:30)**
15	**SEATTLE**	**(Wed., 7:30)**
17 †	**UTAH**	**(Fri., 8:00)**
18	@Cleveland	(Sat., 7:30)
22	**WASHINGTON**	**(Wed., 7:30)**
24	**PHILADELPHIA**	**(Fri., 7:30)**
26	**HOUSTON**	**(Sun., 7:00)**
27	@Orlando	(Mon., 7:30)
29	@Boston	(Wed., 7:30)
30	**MIAMI**	**(Thu., 7:30)**

DECEMBER

2	**ATLANTA**	**(Sat., 7:30)**
4	@Denver	(Mon., 9:00)
7	@Vancouver	(Thu., 10:00)
8	@Golden State	(Fri., 10:30)
10	@LA Lakers	(Sun., 9:30)
13	**LA LAKERS**	**(Wed., 7:30)**
15	**NEW JERSEY**	**(Fri., 7:30)**
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28	**TORONTO**	**(Thu., 7:30)**
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JANUARY

3	@Milwaukee	(Wed., 8:30)
6	**WASHINGTON**	**(Sat., 7:30)**
11	@Charlotte	(Thu., 7:30)
13	@New Jersey	(Sat., 7:30)
15	@Atlanta	(Mon., 1:00)
18	**SAN ANTONIO**	**(Thu., 7:30)**
19	@Indiana	(Fri., 7:30)
21*	**CHICAGO**	**(Sun., 12:00)**
24	@San Antonio	(Wed., 8:30)
25	@Dallas	(Thu., 8:30)
27	@Houston	(Sat., 8:30)
29	@Utah	(Mon., 9:00)

FEBRUARY

1	INDIANA	(Thu., 7:30)
3	SACRAMENTO	(Sat., 7:30)
5	@New York	(Mon., 7:30)
7 †	ORLANDO	(Wed., 8:00)
14	@Philadelphia	(Wed., 7:30)
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17	TORONTO	(Sat., 7:30)
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21	NEW YORK	(Wed., 7:30)
23	@Minnesota	(Fri., 8:00)
25	@Portland	(Sun., 6:00)
26	@Sacramento	(Mon., 10:30)
28 †	@Seattle	(Wed., 8:00)

MARCH

1	@Phoenix	(Fri., 9:00)
2	@LA Clippers	(Sat., 10:30)
4	ATLANTA	(Mon., 7:30)
5	@Toronto	(Tue., 7:00)
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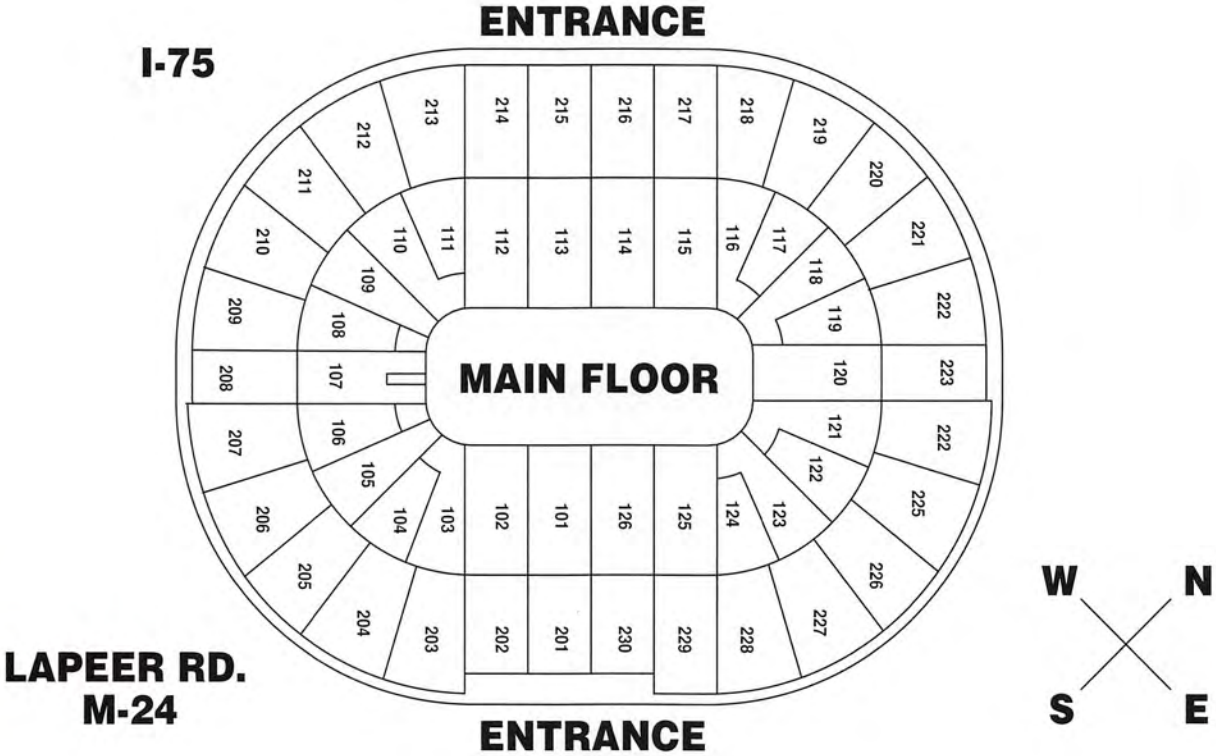

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Since its opening in 1988, Palace's management has constantly worked to keep the nation's finest arena in Auburn Hills. That work included the installation of permanent ice making capabilities in 1992. The arena hosted its first hockey game, in November of 1992, and it now serves as the home to the Detroit Vipers of the International Hockey League. The Vipers are in the midst of their second season of play at The Palace.

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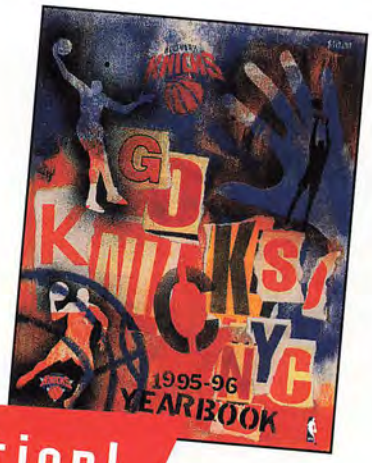

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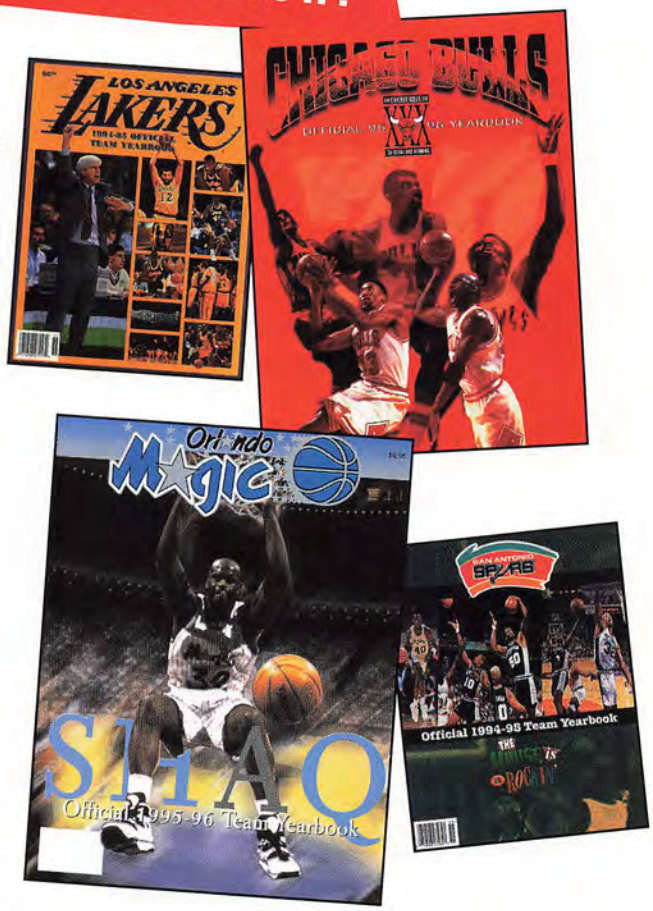

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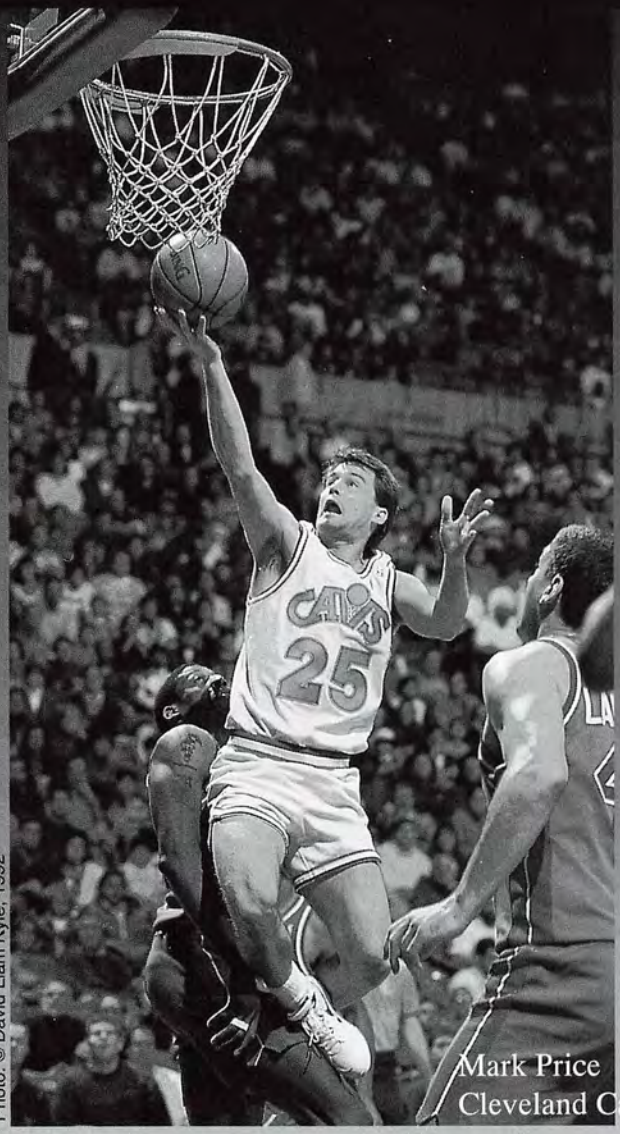

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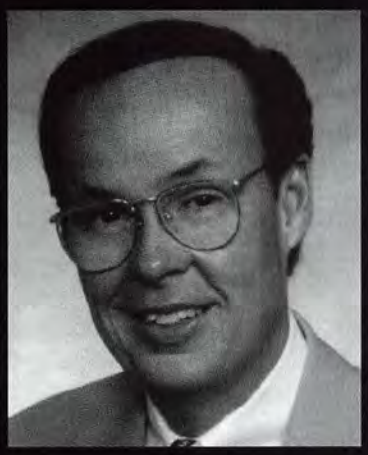
Pistons TELEVISION

GEORGE BLAHA



George Blaha begins his 20th consecutive season as the Detroit Pistons' lead broadcaster. A name synonomous with the Pistons in Detroit, Blaha will call 40 games for WKBD-TV 50 and the team's other 42 games for WWJ Radio (950 AM) in 1995-96.

Blaha also serves as the statewide radio voice for the Michigan State University football network. The 1995 season with be Blaha's 18th with the Spartans.

The University of Notre Dame graduate was born in Detroit and raised in Marshalltown, IA and Grayling, MI. He attended Campion Jesuit High School in Prairie du Chien, WI before attending Notre Dame. After obtaining his B.A. in Economics, Blaha worked to earn an MBA from the University of Michigan.

A fan favorite in Detroit's sporting circles, Blaha uses his extensive knowledge of basketball and his trademark colloquialisms to clearly describe the action to a broad variety of listeners. Pistons' fans have copied his hoop slang on playgrounds and high school gyms everywhere.

Blaha makes his year-round home in Bloomfield Hills. He is on the Board of Directors for the Notre Dame Club in Detroit and on the board of Vista Maria, which serves abused young women in the metropolitan area.

He enjoys making charity appearances on behalf of the Detroit Pistons and he has worked as chairman for several celebrity golf tournaments. The football enthusiast also acts as the Executive Director of the Tartar Gridiron Club, which raises funds to benefit the Wayne State University football program; and as a member of the MSU Football Club.

KELLY TRIPUCKA

Joining George Blaha on all WKBD-TV 50 telecasts for the third straight season will be former Detroit Pistons All-Star Kelly Tripucka. One of the Pistons' top all-time scorers, Tripucka played in Detroit from 1981-86, and for five other seasons with Utah and Charlotte. He has worked upwards of 80 games with Blaha on WKBD-TV 50 since the start of the 1993-94 season.

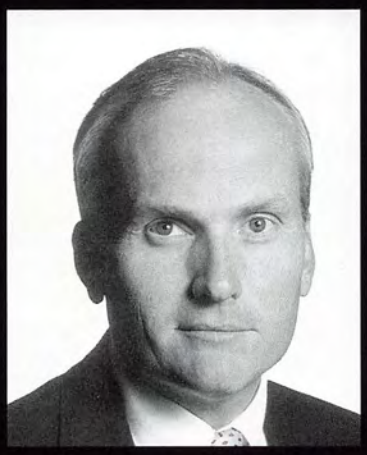
Tripucka came to Detroit from the University of Notre Dame in the 1981 NBA Draft, the same year the Pistons drafted another All-Star, Isiah Thomas, from Indiana University. That draft marked the beginning of a new era in Pistons basketball; Tripucka and Thomas would go on to become the nucleus of an exciting, winning team, one that eventually evolved into the World Champions.

After averaging nearly 22 points per game for five seasons, Tripucka was traded with Kent Benson to the Utah Jazz for forward Adrian Dantley and two draft choices. He played with Utah for two seasons, before moving onto the expansion Charlotte Hornets. He played with Charlotte for three seasons and completed his playing career in Europe in 1991-92.

Tripucka worked as a color commentator in college basketball for some national cable networks in 1992-93. He also filled in for Mike Fratello on WKBD with George Blaha on a few Pistons telecasts in 1992-93.

Pistons RADIO

Mark Champion



Mark Champion enters his sixth season with the Detroit Pistons as the play-by-play man for WWJ (950 AM), when George Blaha is exclusively on WKBD-TV 50.

He has worked in the same role for the past five seasons, while also working as the sports director for WWJ. Champion also serves as host of Pistons Gamenight.

A Ball State graduate and veteran play-by-play man, Champion has been the play-by-play man for the Detroit Lions on WWJ for the past seven years. Before that he worked for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for 10 seasons.

Vinnie Johnson

Providing color analysis on radio broadcasts for the third straight season will be Pistons great Vinnie Johnson. Johnson, who had his number retired to The Palace rafters on Feb. 5, 1994, will work with George Blaha and Mark Champion on most Pistons home broadcasts and select road games. He may also see spot duty on the Pistons television network, as he has in the past two seasons.

Vinnie Johnson joined the Pistons as a player in 1981 and became an integral member of Detroit's back-to-back World Championship teams in 1989 and 1990. Known as the "Microwave", he spent 10 seasons terrorizing opponents with his hot shooting hand. The biggest shot of his career came in the last second of game five of the 1990 NBA Finals, clinching the Pistons' second straight NBA Championship.

Johnson scored 10,146 points in his Detroit career, ranking him sixth on the Pistons all-time scoring list.

Pistons CABLE

Fred McLeod

Beginning his 12th year as play-by-play announcer for PASS Sports is television veteran Fred McLeod. He also worked this past summer for PASS in his first season as play-by-play announcer for the Detroit Tigers.

The 43-year old McLeod, currently a sportscaster for WDIV-TV 4 (NBC) in Detroit, also has play-by-play experience with the Cleveland Cavaliers, the Cleveland Indians, and the Oakland Athletics. He has also served as host of the local favorite, "Sports Final Edition", a half hour weekly sports wrapup show aired on WDIV.

A graduate of Pointe Park College in Pittsburgh, where he pitched in the NAIA College World Series, McLeod began his professional broadcasting career in 1974 with KQTV in St. Joseph, Missouri. Prior to his stint with KPIX in San Francisco, McLeod worked at WSTV in Steubenville, OH and WJKW in Cleveland.

Greg Kelser

Kelser, who played five seasons in the NBA, has established himself a veteran NBA color commentator. He has worked Pistons games on television and radio since 1988, the past three seasons with Fred McLeod on the PASS Sports telecasts. He served as the Pistons color commentator for WWJ radio during home games three seasons ago. He has also worked on collegiate television broadcasts in a variety of settings.

Kelser played with Earvin "Magic" Johnson at Michigan State, combining with Magic to lead the Spartans to the 1979 NCAA Championship. He was drafted by the Pistons in 1979, playing in Detroit until his trade to the Seattle Supersonics for Vinnie Johnson in 1981.

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three amphitheaters in the country.

Davidson's management talents are continually on display in NBA circles, where he served as Chairman of the Board of Governors and has been active on several committees, including the one which selected former NBA Commissioner Lawrence O'Brien in 1975.

Davidson's involvement in the Detroit community is well documented. He was one of the "founding fathers" that originated the Pistons/Palace Foundation, a charitable vehicle that has donated over $5.5 million dollars in cash and merchandise since 1989. He has worked with city of Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer over the past year on the Partnership to Adopt and Renovate Parks for Kids (PARK) program, an initiative aimed and restoring and renovating public parks in the city.

In 1992, Davidson donated an estimated $30 million to his alma mater, the University of Michigan's School of Business Administration. The grant for the William Davidson Institute will provide assistance in a special program to help develop market economies in Eastern Europe.

The Detroit Pistons ownership group includes Legal Counsel Oscar Feldman, and Advisory Board Members Warren Coville, Milt Dresner, Bud Gerson, Dorothy Gerson, David Mondry, Eugene Mondry, Ann Newman, Herb Tyner and William Wetsman.

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One of the strongest high school teams ever assembled played for Robinson during the 1967 season. His starting five all later played in professional sports. Spencer Haywood and Ralph Simpson (both NBA and ABA), Glen Doughty and Paul Seals (pro football), and Marvin Lane (major league baseball) won the state championship for Pershing and Robinson that year.

There have been other standouts in Robinson's portfolio including another Illinois State great in Bubbles Hawkins, along with Wayne State all-time great Charlie Primas, Baltimore Colt All-Pro Big Daddy Lipscomb, Wayne State Vice-President Noah Brown and Olympians Lorenzo Wright and Charlie Fonville.

However, the athletic field was not the only place that Robinson's influence touched. He is just as proud of the good people he produced such as Ofield Dukes, a political advisor, the 25 Detroit police officers who played for him and the college grads with PhD's attached to their names. Many of the sons of players that Robinson coached are now making headlines themselves. Robinson is truly a legend in the Detroit area.

Robinson's '82 induction into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame marked the seventh such honor bestowed him. The others include: The Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame, The West Virginia State Hall of Fame, The Illinois State Hall of Fame, The Upper Ohio Valley Dapper Dan Hall of Fame, The Afro-American Sports Hall of Fame and the Michigan High School Basketball Hall of Fame. He was honored in the summer of 1995 by the Michigan Jewish Sports Hall of Fame with the Alvin N. Foon Award for his great contributions to Michigan sports.

Robinson, who makes his home in Detroit, has one son, William Jr., the Coordinator of Equal Opportunity Programs at Wayne State University.

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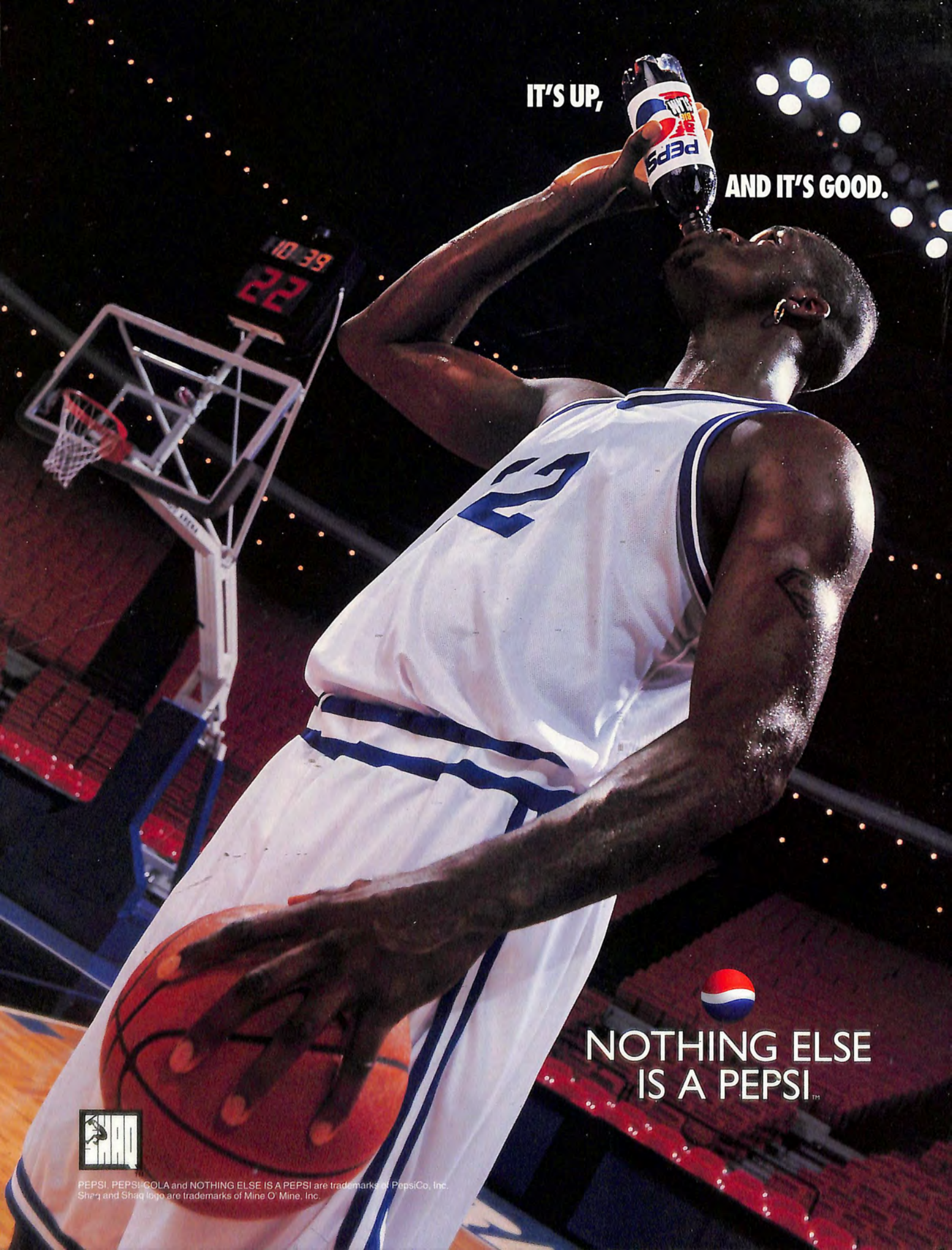
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